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## HUSKERS OFF TO BEST START SINCE 2001, SAM FOLTZ A FACTOR

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES FOR NEBRASKA? LAST SEASON, SEEMINGLY JUST ABOUT EVERY BREAK LATE IN GAMES WENT AGAINST THE MIKE RILEY AND THE HUSKERS AS THEY STRUGGLED TO A 5-7 REGULAR SEASON WITH MANY OF THOSE LOSSES COMING ON UNFORTUNATE BREAKS LATE IN GAMES.

However, when you are 5-0 and ranked in the top 10, things seem to go the other way – just ask Clemson, which escaped again on Saturday when it should have been beaten.

Nebraska's biggest break on Saturday against Indiana came on the Huskers' final drive as they were clinging to a 24-22 lead and trying to run out the clock.

After Terrell Newby picked up a first down late in the game against the Hoosiers, he fumbled. However, the officials ruled the ball had come out just a split second after his knee had hit the ground and ruled that Nebraska would keep the ball.

After the Big Ten officials reviewed the call on the field that he was down by contact before the fumble, the Huskers retained the ball and were able to go down and kick a field goal to go up 27-22.

The final drive ended up being 15 plays and took 7:30 off the clock.

Afterwards, Riley was quick to acknowledge that he thought that the officials made the right call and that he was glad a break "finally went Nebraska's way."

This is the latest in a string of good fortunes for the Huskers this season, which are one of three unbeaten teams left in the Big Ten through seven weeks of action.

Players are crediting a variety of things to the Huskers starting 6-0 for the first time since 2001.

"We're fighters," said Newby, who gained 102 yards on 22 carries. "We fight to the end. You think about all the things



we've been through as a team in the off-season and during the season, we're together. That's what we talk about. It's all about us. When we come into the fourth quarter, we want to be able to get the job done."

Nebraska has now outscored its opponents by 75 points during the fourth quarter in six victories this season, including 10-7 on Saturday.

Defensive back Kieron Williams saw the symbolism that Nebraska's final point total on Saturday was 27 points, the number of fallen teammate Sam Foltz.

"Me, personally, I feel like Sam is watching over us every single day," Williams said. "I don't think games like that come out how they do without divine intervention. As a team, I love these dudes. ... We might not have all the 4.4 (speed) guys, all the 6-8, 270s or whatever."

"But as a team we're going to come out and we're going to fight and we're going to give you everything we have until the end of the game."

Speaking of Foltz, as the team's equipment truck was loading up on Thursday evening to make the trip to Bloomington, Indiana, concertgoers were beginning to filter into the parking lot north of Memorial Stadium for a free concert being put on by Brett Young, Brad Paisley and the Nebraska Athletic Department.

This concert was a stop on Paisley's Country Nation College Tour and Life Amplified World Tour.

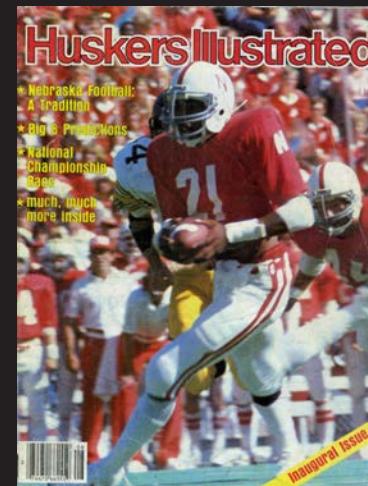
At one point during the show, Paisley wore a Cornhuskers hat with Foltz' initials on it, and dedicated his new hit song, "Today" to Foltz.

"It's clear how much of an impact Foltz had on the Nebraska community. Paisley told the several thousand students and fans who came to the concert. "He is dearly missed."

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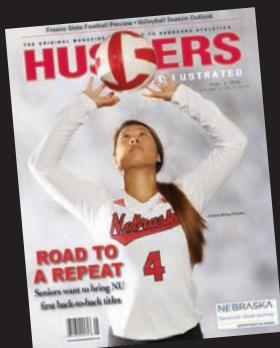
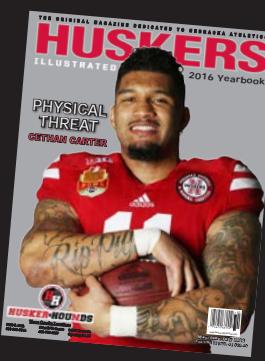
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SEPT. 10	WYOMING	MEMORIAL STADIUM	11 A.M.	W, 52-17
SEPT. 17	OREGON	MEMORIAL STADIUM	2:30 P.M.	W, 35-32
SEPT. 24	@NORTHWESTERN	EVANSTON, ILLINOIS	6:30 P.M.	W, 24-13
OCT. 1	ILLINOIS	MEMORIAL STADIUM	2:30 P.M.	W, 31-16
OCT. 15	@INDIANA	BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA	2:30 P.M.	W, 27-22
OCT. 22	PURDUE	MEMORIAL STADIUM	2:30 P.M.	ABC
OCT. 29	@WISCONSIN	MADISON, WISCONSIN	6 P.M.	ABC/ESPN
NOV. 5	@OHIO STATE	COLUMBUS, OHIO	7 P.M.	ABC/ESPN
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NOV. 19	MARYLAND	MEMORIAL STADIUM	TBA	TBA
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## ON THE COVER

Playing as a top-10 ranked team for the first time since 2001, the Nebraska football team jumped out to a quick 17-0 lead at Indiana. However, Nebraska needed a 72-yard touchdown catch and run from Stanley Morgan Jr. in the fourth quarter to hold off the Hoosiers' rally and go on to win 27-22. Morgan made three catches for a career-high 93 yards in the victory that improved the Huskers to 6-0 on the season and 3-0 in Big Ten play.

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# RECRUITING NOTEBOOK

BY MICHAEL SCHAEFER  
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## NU working to secure official visits for final home contests



247SPORTS

Running back Stephen Carr is a player the Nebraska coaching staff is trying to get to take an official visit.

Nebraska has three game weekends left to host official visitors this season and then will need to bring the rest into Lincoln during December and January.

The Huskers have already hosted 26 official visitors but there are plenty more top targets that haven't used an official to see Nebraska.

Here's five who the Huskers are working to get onto campus for an official visit:

**Stephen Carr** — You want to dream really big? Here you go, a difference maker at running back and one of the top players on the West Coast. Nebraska has been working on Carr for awhile and while he's committed to USC, he's acknowledged some interest in the past.

This would be another big visit and could potentially happen in November. The Huskers look to have options at running back, but none have

the star power of Carr.

**Josh Falo** — Nebraska is going to work on Falo's teammate Trajon Cotton and the tight end knows Lamar Jackson really well, so there's a little movement that could help the Huskers get the offensive star. Nebraska desperately wants to get Falo on campus because he'd be a strong fit for the team's offensive system. The Huskers want to add more depth at tight end and are losing three seniors.

The problem for Nebraska is Falo has so many suitors and the four-star can't get everywhere. The Huskers were positioned for an official visit but an Ohio State offer may have bumped them out. However, there's plenty of time for Nebraska to continue pushing to get this talented player on campus.

**Darnay Holmes** — This visit would have less to do with the actual recruit and

more to do with his family, as Holmes has been to Lincoln a half dozen times and already knows just about everything there is to know about the program. Nebraska wants a chance to talk with his parents, show the facilities off and let them see why the Huskers are gaining traction in California.

The prevailing wisdom is Holmes could come back for the Minnesota or the Maryland game. Since Minnesota is at night, it makes the most sense, but he's also said before he may not use an official visit on Nebraska.

**Austin Jackson** — A five-star tackle that few people talk about Jackson has been in great communication with Mike Cavanaugh and the Nebraska staff for awhile now. The Huskers are hoping to get Jackson in for a game visit and the lineman has said previously he wants to see Lincoln.

Given his location both

Arizona schools are in play as well as other Pac-12 schools, but Nebraska could be in great position to wow the lineman and challenge him to a new experience in the Big Ten.

**Tyler Shelvin** — There's been a lot of talk regarding Nebraska and Shelvin throughout the spring and into the fall. It's mostly a credit to John Parrella for the strong work he's done on the recruiting trail. The Huskers have four commits on the defensive line and appear to be chasing more.

Shelvin would be Nebraska's top addition on defense because of his overall size. The lineman would be one of the biggest people in terms of mass — 6-foot-3, 376 pounds — the Huskers have added and he'd be a strong fit on the defensive line as a nose tackle.

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BY MICHAEL BRUNTZ

# STATE OF THE HUSKERS

## Riley not in favor of possible recruiting change



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A big change is on the horizon for college football as it relates to recruiting.

The NCAA proposed a number of changes to the football recruiting calendar, two of which have been bandied about for several years, but look to shake up how prospects are recruited and evaluated.

The proposal would create a 72-hour signing period in late June as well as late December for high school prospects in addition to the current early February signing period.

Nebraska head coach Mike Riley was lukewarm in his support for the proposal.

"I think it is a move to kind of match the rules with what's going on in reality," Riley said this week. "The recruiting process has accelerated in the last decade and the proposed early signing period..it would lessen the number of visits during the season and I think it would be nice to have that definition for both the high school and the school. I think there are some positives for that."

"This early signing date through the years has become inevitable in some fashion. I think in general, if I were asked to vote, I don't think I'd change it. I think this proposal can work, but it will change our spring a little bit because everything will be accelerated more."

There are certainly some positives in the proposals. Recruits who commit early in the process and are set on their choice can now lock in their scholarship offers. This will also likely limit the practice of schools offering scholarships early in the process with no intention of actually signing a particular prospect. The proposal would also allow for early official visits in June, meaning coaches can spend more time with visiting prospects than they can during a normal game weekend in the fall.

However, there are still questions that still need to be answered. What happens to a prospect who signs a letter of intent in June with a particular school and that coach is fired or leaves for another job? The adage says to sign with the school, not the coach, but the reality is that relationships are one of the biggest keys in recruitment.

The earlier signing period will also likely change recruiting and evaluation at the quar-

terback spot, which is already accelerated across the country.

The quarterback is often a key piece of a school's recruiting class, and the pressure to get one signed in June means that schools will have to evaluate prospects on incomplete data. That's a big issue, according to Nebraska offensive coordinator Danny Langsdorf.

"I think it's a shame that we're going so fast," Langsdorf said. "You're trying to evaluate guys who are 14. I would love nothing more than to have more time to look at them, get to know them better to see them play further into high school instead of having to make a decision on a freshman or sophomore in high school. I think it's just really young."

"It just gets earlier and earlier, and you have to be right on, on your eval. You're going to miss on some guys. You're trying to evaluate guys in their freshman, sophomore years. Some of those guys will not have started on their high school teams, which is crazy that you have to make a decision on that guy. You have to get them on your campus and I think it will be interesting if that passes."

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**Mike Riley**  
NU head football coach

During the 2016 recruiting class, Nebraska found quarterback Patrick O'Brien during his junior season and ended up getting a commitment from the California gunslinger. O'Brien was a bit under the radar, and Langsdorf said those are the kinds of prospects who will become more rare, and end up starring at lower levels going forward if the recruiting changes pass.

"You look at Patrick, he was a late guy onto the scene," Langsdorf said. "We had a chance to eval a whole season on him and get to know him. That process for us was really good. He was in the weeds a little. We were his first offer."

"I don't think there will be as much of that, and those guys who aren't starting till their junior or senior years, I think guys will be full and they will go to a lower-division school and play great because all the Power 5s will be full."

Nebraska's current staff has shown the ability to adapt during their first two years in Lincoln, so they will no doubt continue to excel on the recruiting trail. There are a number of factors that go into being good at recruiting, but the newest changes exposed one of the biggest — flexibility.



# 10 questions with **Stanley Morgan Jr.**

Story by Kevin Houck • Photo by Joe Mixan, Head Shot Courtesy of NU Media Relations, Action Photos by Reggie Ryder, Mitch Otto and Jimmy Rash

**Q:** You're really into fashion. Where did that interest come from?

**A:** "I just always like being clean, you know coming from New Orleans. I just like being clean and comfortable."

**Q:** Who is the best dressed on the team? You give yourself that title?

**A:** "Of course I am the best dressed on the team. You know, I like to do it and when I do it, I do it fresh baby."

**Q:** Who on the team are you competing against on a night out fashion wise

**A:** "It would probably be A.T. (Adam Taylor) or Cethan Carter. It would probably be those guys and (Josh) Kalu. The whole team has their own fashion sense."

**Q:** Who do you follow in fashion? Anybody in particular?

**A:** "It would be Kanye (West). He's just always had that swag with him even when he first came out. He's always had that swag and he's confident."

**Q:** You are sitting on the couch during an off day, what are you missing about Louisiana?

**A:** "Food, hands down. Mainly crawfish of course."

**Q:** What is your favorite food?

**A:** "Seafood and crawfish. Seafood is big in Louisiana and I miss crawfish every day."

**Q:** Who has really helped you through your first year at Nebraska?

**A:** "Those older guys like Alonzo (Moore), Cethan Carter, Taariq (Allen), Jalen Rose and my coaches helping me go through the ropes."

**Q:** Let's say you're taking someone to New Orleans, where is the first place you take them?

**A:** "Manchu Food Store because they got some good chicken. Hands down best chicken i've ever had."

**Q:** What's the leadership around the team like not only on the field, but off too?

**A:** "That's is the thing about this team. We got great leaders and great captains but don't get me wrong everybody around is helping lead each other. When you have that you can fight through anything."

**Q:** This question comes from a Twitter poll. What is your favorite rap album of all time?

**A:** "My favorite rap album of all time would be Kevin Gates...it's so hard to pick just one. All of them. All Kevin Gates. I just love Kevin Gates."







Stanley Morgan Jr. and De'Mornay Pierson-El celebrate Morgan's 72-yard touchdown catch in

# Huskers hold off Hoosiers

## Nebraska finishes strong again to improve to 6-0 on year

Story by Kevin Houck • Photos by Alan Petersime

**W**ith a bye week to prepare before traveling to Bloomington, Indiana, the Huskers had one of their worst offensive outings of the season on Saturday against the Hoosiers.

"I think we were out of sync with some injuries which make it tough at times and then I think our lack of production on first down," offensive coordinator Danny Langsdorf said. "You're playing behind the count all day. I don't think we threw the ball particularly well so you're not able to get those big yards back. And the run game was tough."

Nebraska jumped out to a 17-0 lead in the first quarter before going scoreless until the fourth quarter.

With the help of a 72-yard passing play from quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr. to wide receiver Stanley Morgan Jr after escaping the

pocket in the fourth quarter, Nebraska stayed perfect on the season in their 27-22 victory over Indiana.

"That was kind of an indication of what Tommy can do," Nebraska Head Coach Mike Riley said. "Sometimes you breakout like that and something bad happens, but it seems like more often than not he makes something happen."

Indiana won the coin toss and deferred to the second half and Nebraska started at its own 25-yard line. Armstrong led the offense to Indiana's 25-yard to face a first-and-10.

The Hoosier defense stopped Nebraska for no gain on its next three plays to lead to a 40-yard field goal by kicker Drew Brown to put Nebraska up 3-0.

On the ensuing possession, the Hoosiers faced a fourth-and-7 from the Huskers 36-yard line. Indiana made the call to go for it



### Drew Brown kicks one of his two field goals against the Hoosiers.

and quarterback Richard Lagow's slant pass to wide receiver Luke Timian was broken up by cornerback Chris Jones to force a turnover on downs.

Six plays later, running back Terrell Newby scored on a four-yard rush with 4:47 left in the first quarter to give the Huskers a 10-0 lead.

It didn't take long for Nebraska to tack on another touchdown. On Indiana's first play of the next drive, Jones picked off Lagow and returned the ball 33 yards for a touchdown.

After both teams were forced into punting situations, Nebraska punter Caleb Lightbourn lined up to punt with 12:29 left in the first half at their own nine-yard line. Indiana blitzed all players on the line of scrimmage and blocked Lightbourn's punt. The ball rolled out of the back of the endzone for a safety to make the score 17-2 Huskers.

Indiana continued to inch back into the game. Lagow led the Hoosiers to the Huskers 16-yard line facing a third-and-13. On third down, linebacker Marcus Newby sacked Lagow to force a 36-yard field goal to make the score 17-5 with 7:23 left in the half.

The Huskers took over at their own 18-yard line with less than two minutes remaining in the first half. On the second play of the drive, Armstrong's pass tipped off the hands of tight end Sam Cotton leading to a Hoosier interception.

Indiana capitalized on the field position with a 45-yard field goal with 1:18 remaining in the half.

Nebraska ran out the clock to head into halftime with a 17-8 lead. Nebraska has now been outscored 57-37 by opponents this season in the second quarter.

After four punts to start the third quarter, Nebraska pulled momentum to its side stopping quarterback Zander Diamont for a two-yard gain on fourth-and-3 from the 32-yard line.

Indiana took momentum right back stopping Nebraska for three-and-out and returned the punt 39 yards to the Husker 33-yard line.

Two plays later, running back Devine Redding faked a wide re-

ceiver reverse and ran for a 33-yard touchdown as the third quarter expired to cut the Husker lead to 17-15.

On Nebraska's next possession, Armstrong looked for the deep pass but was intercepted by safety Tony Fields at the Hoosier 37-yard line.

The Blackshirts responded forcing Indiana to punt after a three-and-out.

This time Armstrong found the big play throwing a 72-yard touchdown pass to Morgan Jr. with 9:57 left in the game. The touchdown stretched the Huskers lead to 24-15.

Indiana answered back with a five-play, 75-yard drive with all the yards coming through the air by Lagow. Lagow completed a four-yard touchdown pass to Redding with 8:26 remaining to cut the Husker lead to 24-22.

The Huskers responded with a heavy dose of the ground game to drive the ball into Indiana territory and converted a fourth-and-one from the Hoosier 48-yard line to keep the drive alive with under four minutes remaining.

Newby caught a break on the drive when he appeared to fumble after a 14-yard gain to the Hoosier 20-yard line, but he was ruled down before the ball came loose.

"Wasn't even close," Riley said. "No, it was scary, there's no doubt about it... We finally got a call. We didn't get many of them today."

After using their final two timeouts, the Hoosiers stopped the Huskers on third down, leading to a 39-yard field goal by Brown with 45 seconds remaining to put Nebraska up 27-22.

Nickelback Aaron Williams intercepted Lagow on Indiana next drive to seal the victory.

"No matter who you play, you got to come out and play every game," linebacker Josh Banderas said. "If it was easy then everybody would be 6-0, so we've done the work we need to do."



Nebraska's Tommy Armstrong Jr. said the Huskers want to be more than just a top-10 team.

## Nebraska draws motivation from doubters

STORY BY TERRY DOUGLASS | PHOTO BY ALAN PETERSIME

**L**ong before Nebraska took the field for its 27-22 victory at Indiana, TV's talking heads apparently played a major role in motivating the Cornhuskers.

During ESPN's "College GameDay" program, analysts questioned whether or not Nebraska – ranked ninth by the coaches' poll and No. 10 by the Associated Press – was a legitimate top-10 team. Clearly, the Husker players who watched the pundits debate the topic didn't care for the tone of the conversation.

"They laughed at us for five minutes," Nebraska safety Kieron Williams said. "They couldn't even get through the segment because it was so funny that we're not a serious team."

"We're going to keep going down the schedule and try to prove everybody wrong."

Nebraska took the field against the Hoosiers, playing as a top-10 team for the first time since November of 2011. Despite a 5-0 start prior to facing Indiana, the Huskers were regarded as somewhat of an unknown quantity as four of the five teams they had defeated owned losing records and the their schedule strength was ranked No. 106 nationally.

After Nebraska beat Indiana to record its first 6-0 start since 2001, Huskers' quarterback Tommy Armstrong said he doesn't really care what critics might think.

"Other people may laugh at us, talking about, 'Are we real or are we really a great team?'" Armstrong said. "Great teams wins games – that's all I've got to say about it. You can say what you want to say about my team, but at the end of the day each week, we come out and we win."

As for Nebraska linebacker Michael

Rose-Ivey, he said he's just glad that the Huskers are being mentioned again by national media types.

"It's fun to be in that environment," Rose-Ivey said. "People have their opinions, We can use it for motivation – whatever motivation you can find."

"It's a long season. Motivation is hard to find sometimes."

And Armstrong said the Huskers aren't satisfied with their current poll position.

"We're not working our tails off just to be in the top 10," Armstrong said. "We're not working our tails off to get to a point where we've won more games than we did last year. We want to win every game."

"Every guy in that room, if you ask them, 'What's your goal? What do you want to get out of this season?' They're going to say we want to go undefeated and win a national championship."

# 'Next men up' step in for injured Huskers



Tight end Sam Cotton played a larger role in the receiving game against Indiana with Cethan Carter being injured.

STORY BY TERRY DOUGLASS | PHOTO BY ALAN PETERSIME

**B**anged-up Nebraska found a way to keep winning, overcoming several key injuries to post a 27-22 road victory over Indiana.

While several players were dealing with maladies, Tommy Armstrong Jr. was perhaps the biggest concern for the Cornhuskers. The Nebraska senior quarterback was wearing a walking boot to protect an ankle injury earlier in the week.

Although Armstrong said after the Indiana game that he was fine, Nebraska coach Mike Riley speculated otherwise. Armstrong rushed 11 times for 36 yards and completed 10 of 26 pass attempts for 208 yards and a touchdown, but was intercepted twice.

"It looked to me like it wasn't 100 percent," Riley said of Armstrong's ankle. "I'm not sure that's right, but it's just what it looked like and I think Tommy was going

to play anyway.

"I know he got a lot better where we really couldn't notice much difference during the week and he practiced the last couple of days full speed, but it didn't look like he was real, real comfortable all the time today."

Quarterback wasn't the only position affected by injuries for Nebraska. An already ailing offensive line absorbed a major blow as tackle David Knevel was lost to injury on the first offensive snap of the game and fellow tackle Nick Gates battled through an ankle injury to play. Riley said Cole Conrad and Corey Whitaker did a good job of stepping in and filling the gaps.

"We were hurting," Riley said. "Give credit to the kids who had to stay in there and keep battling."

"We had a hard time just blocking something cleanly that looked good, but I give them credit."

Nebraska was also down several skill-position players. I-back Devine Ozigbo (ankle) was limited to one carry against Indiana, while wide receivers Jordan Westerkamp (back), Alonzo Moore (shoulder) and tight end Cethan Carter (elbow) were all limited or sidelined.

Tight end Sam Cotton made a career-high three catches.

Stanley Morgan Jr. also gave the Huskers a lift, hauling in three receptions for 93 yards. His biggest catch was a 72-yard touchdown reception to put Nebraska ahead 24-15 with 9:57 to play.

"Next man up, you know?" Morgan said of Nebraska's injury situation. "In practice, we always rep it twos and threes. We put everybody in because you never know when somebody's going to go down, so we're basically ready for it. It's not a big deal."

# Nebraska 27, Indiana 22

Oct. 15, 2016 at Memorial Stadium in Bloomington, Indiana

Attendance: 48,254

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Nebraska	17	0	0	10	<b>27</b>
Indiana	0	8	7	7	<b>22</b>

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	09:46	NEB - Brown, Drew 40 yd field goal, 12-52 5:14	3 - 0
	04:47	NEB - Newby, Terrell 4 yd run (Brown, Drew kick), 6-64 2:21	10 - 0
	04:33	NEB - Jones, Chris 33 yd interception return (Brown, Drew kick)	17 - 0
2nd	12:29	IND - TEAM safety	17 - 2
	07:23	IND - Oakes, Griffin 36 yd field goal, 12-57 5:06	17 - 5
	01:18	IND - Oakes, Griffin 45 yd field goal, 4-0 0:34	17 - 8
3rd	00:00	IND - Redding, Devine 33 yd run (Oakes, Griffin kick), 2-33 0:09	17 - 15
4th	09:57	NEB - Morgan Jr., S. 72 yd pass from Armstrong Jr. (Brown, Drew kick), 5-85 2:15	24 - 15
	08:26	IND - Redding, Devine 4 yd pass from Lagow, Richard (Oakes, Griffin kick), 5-75 1:31	24 - 22
	00:45	NEB - Brown, Drew 39 yd field goal, 15-60 7:41	27 - 22



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Tommy Armstrong Jr. tries to escape the pressure from the Indiana defense.

## Team Statistics



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Tommy Armstrong Jr. heaves the ball up as the pocket collapses around him. Armstrong Jr. threw two interceptions in the game.



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Terrell Newby runs with the ball for the Huskers as Indiana players give chase.

	NEB	IND
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	17	18
Rushing	9	4
Passing	8	12
Penalty	0	2
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>	152	88
Rushing Attempts	45	30
Average Per Rush	3.4	2.9
Rushing Touchdowns	1	1
Yards Gained Rushing	175	115
Yards Lost Rushing	23	27
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>	208	245
Completions-Attempts-Int	10-26-2	24-39-2
Average Per Attempt	8.0	6.3
Average Per Completion	20.8	10.2
Passing Touchdowns	1	1
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS</b>	360	333
Total offense plays	71	69
Average Gain Per Play	5.1	4.8
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	9-53	1-10
<b>PUNTS-YARDS</b>	6-189	6-242
Average Yards Per Punt	31.5	40.3
Net Yards Per Punt	20.2	36.2
Inside 20	2	3
50+ Yards	0	1
Touchbacks	1	0
Fair catch	3	0
<b>KICKOFFS-YARDS</b>	7-461	5-308
Average Yards Per Kickoff	65.9	61.6
Net Yards Per Kickoff	44.3	44.2
Touchbacks	3	1
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	4-25-0	2-48-0
Average Per Return	6.2	24.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	3-62-0	4-76-0
Average Per Return	20.7	19.0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	2-29-1	2-4-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	32:56	27:04
1st Quarter	9:03	5:57
2nd Quarter	5:51	9:09
3rd Quarter	6:46	8:14
4th Quarter	11:16	3:44
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 15	5 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	2-2
Touchdowns	1-2	1-2
Field goals	1-2	1-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-24	1-13
PAT Kicks	3-3	2-2
Field Goals	2-2	2-2
Points off turnovers	7	3



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## Individual Statistics

### Nebraska

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Newby, Terrell	22	104	2	102	1	18	4.6
Armstrong Jr.	11	50	14	36	0	12	3.3
Reilly, Brandon	3	10	3	7	0	6	2.3
Pierson-El, D.	2	6	0	6	0	5	3.0
Ozigbo, Devine	1	2	0	2	0	2	2.0
Bryant, Tre	5	3	2	1	0	2	0.2
TEAM	1	0	2	-2	0	0	-2.0
Totals	45	175	23	152	1	18	3.4

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Armstrong Jr.	10-26-2	208	1	72	1
Totals	10-26-2	208	1	72	1

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Morgan Jr., S.	3	93	1	72
Cotton, Sam	3	37	0	17
Reilly, Brandon	2	60	0	45
Reimers, Bryan	1	17	0	17
Newby, Terrell	1	1	0	1
Totals	10	208	1	72

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Lightbourn, C.	5	189	37.8	45	2	1
TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	0	0
Totals	6	189	31.5	45	2	1

Returns	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Pierson-El, D.	4	25	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jones, Chris	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	33	33
Williams, Aaron	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-4	0
Bryant, Tre	0	0	0	3	62	24	0	0	0
Totals	4	25	15	3	62	24	2	29	33

Field goals	Otr	Time	Dist	Result
Brown, Drew	1st	09:46	40 yards	Good
Brown, Drew	4th	00:45	39 yards	Good

Kickoffs	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Brown, Drew	7	461	65.9	3	0

All-purpose	Run	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Newby, Terrell	102	1	0	0	0	103
Morgan Jr., S.	0	93	0	0	0	93
Reilly, Brandon	7	60	0	0	0	67
Bryant, Tre	1	0	62	0	0	63

### Indiana

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Redding, Devine	11	57	0	57	1	33	5.2
Diamond, Zander	8	34	3	31	0	9	3.9
Williams, D.	4	11	1	10	0	6	2.5
Paige, Mitchell	1	7	0	7	0	7	7.0
Majette, Mike	3	6	1	5	0	3	1.7
Natee, Tyler	1	0	1	-1	0	0	-1.0
Lagow, Richard	2	0	21	-21	0	0	-10.5
Totals	30	115	27	88	1	33	2.9

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Lagow, Richard	19-32-2	196	1	36	2
Diamond, Zander	5-7-0	49	0	18	1
Totals	24-39-2	245	1	36	3

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Paige, Mitchell	9	101	0	24
Jones, Ricky	6	76	0	36
Williams, D.	2	18	0	9
Redding, Devine	2	5	1	4
Hale, Donavan	1	18	0	18
Timian, Luke	1	11	0	11
Thorton, Leon	1	11	0	11
Friend, Danny	1	6	0	6
Majette, Mike	1	-1	0	0
Totals	24	245	1	36

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Gedeon, Joseph	6	242	40.3	52	3	0
Totals	6	242	40.3	52	3	0

Returns	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Dutra, Chase	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paige, Mitchell	1	39	39	0	0	0	0	0	0
Williams, D.	0	0	0	4	76	21	0	0	0
Crawford, J.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	4
Fields, Tony	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	2	48	39	4	76	21	2	4	4

Field goals	Otr	Time	Dist	Result
Oakes, Griffin	2nd	07:23	36 yards	Good
Oakes, Griffin	2nd	01:18	45 yards	Good

Kickoffs	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Oakes, Griffin	5	308	61.6	1	1

All-purpose	Run	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Paige, Mitchell	7	101	0	39	0	147
Williams, D.	10	18	76	0	0	104
Jones, Ricky	0	76	0	0	0	76
Redding, Devine	57	5	0	0	0	62

Left: Nebraska quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr. gets protection from his offensive line as he goes to hand the ball off. Right: Terrell Newby goes down for Nebraska during one of his 22 carries in the game.



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## Defensive Statistics

#	Nebraska	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
52	Banderas, Josh	8	3	11	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	Williams, K.	10	0	10	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Gerry, Nathan	6	2	8	-	2-2	-	-	-	-	-	1
10	Kalu, Joshua	7	0	7	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
5	Young II, D.	3	1	4	1.0-3	2-3	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	Maurice, Kevin	3	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1A	Rose-Ivey, M.	1	3	4	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-
8A	Jones, Chris	2	0	2	-	-	-	-	1-33	2	-	-
88	Dzuris, Ross	2	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	Williams, Aaron	2	0	2	1.0-13	1-13	-	-	1-4	-	-	-
56	Simpson, Brad	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	McNitt, Luke	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Domann, JoJo	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	Lightbourn, C.	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
96	Davis, Carlos	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
91	Akinmoladun, F.	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
73	Hahn, Sam	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Newby, Marcus	1	0	1	1.0-8	1-8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals		52	10	62	3.0-24	9-28	0	0-0	2-29	3	0	2

#	Indiana	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
8	Scales, Tegray	8	4	12	-	2-2	-	-	-	-	-	1
44	Oliver, Marcus	2	6	8	1.0-13	2-13	-	-	-	1	-	-
19	Fields, Tony	7	0	7	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-
9	Crawford, J.	5	2	7	-	-	-	-	1-4	1	-	-
42	Ball, Marcelino	5	1	6	-	1-3	-	-	-	2	-	-
93	Green III, R.	4	2	6	-	2-3	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	Dutra, Chase	4	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
28	Riggins, A'Shon	2	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
10	Hale, Donavan	2	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Covington, C.	2	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
58	Dougherty, P.	2	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
49	Gooch, Greg	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
91	Robinson, Jacob	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Fletcher, D.	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Fant, Rashard	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
51	Barwick Jr., M.	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	Sykes, Nile	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
86	Gedeon, Joseph	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
74	Hoff, Nate	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Walker, Zeke	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
T	TEAM	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
47	McCray III, R.	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Totals		50	18	68	1.0-13	7-21	0	0-0	2-4	7	1	2

**RUSHING OFFENSE:** The Huskers struggled on first down to get positive yardage and found themselves playing from behind the chains frequently against the Hoosiers. Nebraska averaged 3.4 yards per carry on the afternoon, and just 3.5 yards per carry on first down. All totaled, Nebraska ran for 152 yards in the game — a low number, but not altogether unpredictable because of the shifting that occurred on the line. Give credit to Terrell Newby for the way he played down the stretch. Newby finished with 102 yards rushing on 22 carries and added a touchdown. He ran hard on Nebraska's final drive in the fourth quarter, which helped the Huskers gain control of the game. — *Michael Bruntz*

C+

**PASSING OFFENSE:** Nebraska looked disjointed all afternoon, unable to protect the quarterback while missing two important targets. Tommy Armstrong finished the game 10-for-26 for 208 yards — the bulk of which came on a 72-yard touchdown pass to Stanley Morgan Jr., early in the fourth quarter, and a 45-yarder to Brandon Reilly in the first half. Nebraska's performance against Indiana in the passing game looked like an old tape from the 2015 season — that's not a good thing. — *Michael Bruntz*

D

**RUSHING DEFENSE:** Indiana carried the ball 30 times for 88 yards, and the bulk of that came on a fake reverse in the third quarter that went for 33 yards and a touchdown. Take away that play, and Nebraska's front-seven had a strong day against a veteran Indiana offensive line that was a solid group on the ground. Nebraska tackled well in the game, with 52 of their 62 stops being of the solo variety. For a team that was struggling at times in the past two games, the performance against Indiana was a nice bounce back. — *Michael Bruntz*

A

**PASSING DEFENSE:** Indiana can put up points, especially through the air, and Nebraska's secondary did a nice job of shutting down the Hoosiers' passing attack. Indiana completed 24-of-39 passes for 245 total yards, but the Huskers also produced two interceptions — one of which Chris Jones returned for a touchdown in the first quarter — and made the Hoosiers work for their yardage. Nebraska has now forced 11 interceptions — one more than it did all of last season. This is a group playing with confidence right now. — *Michael Bruntz*

A-

**KICKING/SPECIAL TEAMS:** Kicker Drew Brown does a lot of the heavy-lifting in this category, booting 40 and 39-yard field goals in the game. Beyond that, there isn't a whole lot else to say positive about Nebraska's special teams groups. The Huskers got a punt blocked out of the back of the end zone for a safety, then gave up another big punt return that gave Indiana great offensive field position. Punter Caleb Lightbourn landed two balls inside Indiana territory in his three punts, but inconsistency continues to be an issue for the special teams units. — *Michael Bruntz*

D

## Quoting Nebraska quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr. on his throw to Stanley Morgan Jr. against Indiana:



**“I threw for a spot that he could react to it. I trust him that he would get there, make that play. He did a great job.”**

# Game Notes

## SECONDARY CLOSES OUT ANOTHER VICTORY FOR HUSKERS

The Blackshirts continued to force turnovers against opposing offenses, especially late in games.

Indiana headed into the game as the Big Ten leader in passing offense. Quarterbacks Richard Lagow and Zander Diamont combined for 245 yards in the game with 75 yards coming on one drive in the fourth quarter.

Defensive coordinator Mark Banker said the defense is continuing to get better.

“These guys are coming,” Banker said. “We've got guys that are capable of making plays, and they're playing with confidence. I think their techniques are getting a lot better. They're having fun together, and we just got to keep it going.”

Jones broke up a fourth down pass on Indiana's first drive and intercepted Lagow on the next series for a 33-yard touchdown, while nickelback Aaron Williams intercepted Lagow on Indiana's potential game-winning drive to seal the victory.

“We knew we had to have a good week,” Jones said. “And our scout team, and our scout receivers, did a tremendous job throughout the week getting us prepared for this game.”

Nebraska has 11 interceptions through six games, one more than Nebraska recorded in 13 games last season.

## OFFENSIVE LINE DOESN'T BLAME INJURIES FOR STRUGGLES

Nebraska's offensive line struggled in both passing and running situations all game long against Indiana. Nebraska couldn't consistently run the ball on first down and struggled to pass protect, leading to Tommy Armstrong Jr. consistently escaping the pocket.

“We just did the bare minimum today,” center Dylan Utter said.

Injuries played a part though.

Right tackle David Knevel left the game on Nebraska's opening offensive snap and did not return.

Walk-on Cole Conrad replaced Knevel the rest of the game at right tackle.

Left tackle Nick Gates injured his ankle and had a noticeable limp after the game and right guard Tanner Farmer was back for his first game in three weeks.

Left guard Sam Hahn said Indiana's aggressive defense often kept the offensive line off balanced with stunts and blitzes.

“They did some movement things and we didn't handle it well,” Hahn said. “I'm not going to take anything away from them. They came out and played hard and gave us a big fight. We just didn't execute as well as we should have or felt we



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**Chris Jones prepares to make an interception for the Huskers in the first quarter as Kieron Williams looks on. Jones returned the pick for a touchdown. Aaron Williams later made an interception to seal the victory. Nebraska now has 11 interceptions on the season, which is one more than all of last season.**

should have.”

Despite only averaging 3.4 yards-per-carry, the offensive line put it together on Nebraska’s final drive. Nebraska used its rushing attack to cap a 15-play, 60-yard drive that led to a Drew Brown field goal and 27-22 lead.

“I don’t know if I can pinpoint it on one thing or we finally got our minds right, got in the groove,” Hahn said. “We just started executing.”

## ARMSTRONG SHOWS GRIT DURING TOUGH OUTING

Tommy Armstrong Jr. clearly didn’t look 100 percent healthy during Saturday’s game. Offensive coordinator Danny Langsdorf tried to get by as long as he could before using Armstrong in the running game.

Armstrong played arguably his worst game of the year but he never lost confidence. He made big plays down the stretch including a 72-yard touchdown

pass to Stanley Morgan Jr. and a quarterback sneak on fourth-and-1 to pick up a first down with under five minutes remaining in the game.

“He gets out of there sometimes when he should definitely get hammered,” Hahn said. “He’s a warrior. He’s got a winner’s mentality. He goes out there and makes plays for us. That’s a great weapon to have.”

Armstrong was only 10-for-26 for 208 yards passing with a touchdown and threw two interceptions.

Head coach Mike Riley said the offense was “worse than I can remember all season,” which is true with Nebraska not driving into scoring position in the second and third quarters combined.

It wasn’t until the touchdown to Morgan Jr. in the fourth quarter that Nebraska was able to score after the first quarter.

Even on the touchdown throw to Morgan, Armstrong was forced out of the pocket and rolled out to his right due

to pressure.

“Just like we drew it up,” Riley joked. “It’s in the playbook just like that.”

With his 208 passing yard, he pushed his career passing total to 8,050. Armstrong is the 20th player in Big Ten history to pass for 8,000 career yards.

Armstrong finished with 244 yards of total offense, giving him 9,686 career total offense yards, 314 shy of 10,000. Armstrong’s 10 completions increased his career total to 560, 15 from Martinez’s school record 575 completions.

## REILLY TOPS 1,000 CAREER RECEIVING YARDS

Nebraska senior receiver Brandon Reilly caught two passes for 60 yards to increase his career receiving yardage total to 1,020. He is the 24th player in school history to eclipse 1,000 career receiving. Reilly’s 45-yard first-quarter reception was a season-long and marked his third reception of at least 35 yards this season.

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Clockwise from above: De'Mornay Pierson-El runs the ball for the Huskers against the Hoosiers. Quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr. scrambles as an Indiana defender gives chase. Terrell Newby makes an Indiana defender miss en route to a 102-yard game. Brandon Reilly hauls in pass for the Huskers. Nebraska head coach Mike Riley looks concerned.



# 2MinuteDrill

ALEX DAVIS  
GOES FROM  
ROUND  
BALL TO  
AROUND  
THE BALL



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## Compiled by Kevin Houck

Alex Davis set aside his first love in basketball to put on cleats and pursue an opportunity he never thought existed.

Through and through growing up, Davis always picked basketball over football. He never watched football besides playing an occasional video game.

His mind was set on basketball and what he had to do to earn a scholarship to play at the collegiate level.

At Dwyer High School, Davis starred on the basketball team. Despite putting all his effort on the court, the thought of playing football stuck in his head every time he walked through the hallways.

"The head coach was always on me asking, 'Do you want to come try-out at tight end or just some type of position, You would be good at something.' " Davis said. " I was always like nah but I had never played before. They did it on a daily basis."

Davis took the suggestion with a grain of salt up until the spring of his senior year, where he decided to give football a try. After the high school's spring game, Davis's performance had him starting to think maybe football is the way to go despite his plans for basketball.

"Ya I definitely thought I had a future in basketball," Davis said. "I never gave up on it. It just came to the point where I wasn't getting any offers that I wanted and just doing all the traveling with AAU basketball just really never getting a look, then I go out for football in the first spring game I just got all this love so I then thought maybe football from there."

"Honestly, after I started playing football in the spring game it was so exciting to me. I was like, 'I really like this now' and then when basketball season came back around I was like I should really focus on football."

With Davis coming on late in the recruiting process his options were still bare. He committed to Georgia Southern during his senior and only season playing football.

As he continued to blow up during the season, Pittsburgh and Nebraska came on two months before the recruiting signing deadline.

Davis took an official to Nebraska three days before the signing deadline and fell in love with program.

"After Nebraska offered me, I came on this visit and I just fell in love with these facilities," Davis said.

Davis arrived on campus in the fall at 215 pounds hoping to play right away but as soon as he stepped on the field he knew that wasn't going to be the case. He only had one year of football under his belt.

"With recruitment coaches were always saying 'be ready, you might come in and we will need you,'" Davis said. "Once I got in and actually played fall camp and stuff, I was like these guys are way ahead of me. I probably don't have a chance this year so that's when I really bought into the redshirt and got in the weightroom to gain weight and get stronger."

After redshirting in 2015, Davis headed into fall camp with a new defensive line coach in John Parrella.

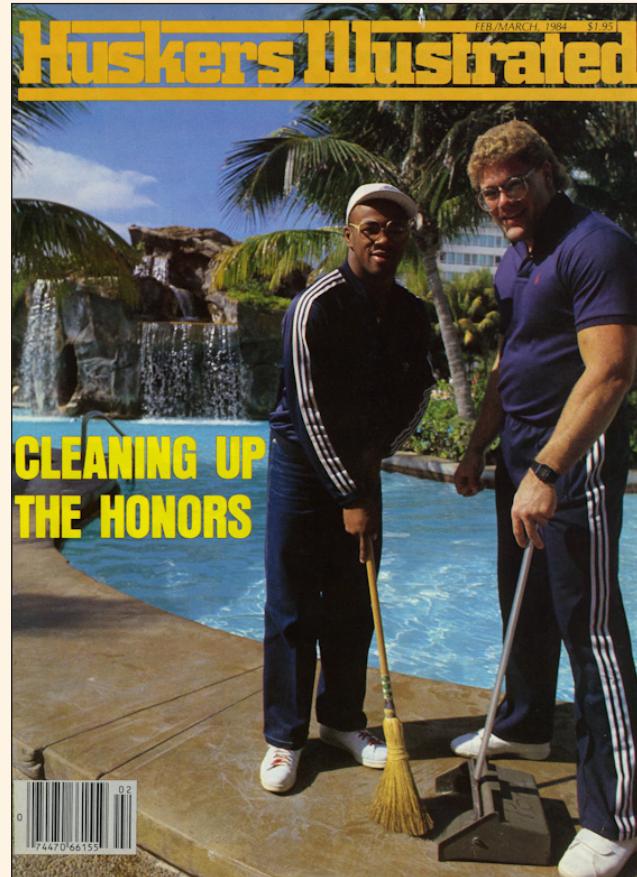
With the help of Parrella, Davis entered 2016 at 255

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## HI'S TOP5

# NU'S LOMBARDI AWARD WINNERS

(Nation's top collegiate linemen)



Dean Steinkuhler was the 1983 Lombardi winner.

- 1 Rich Glover**  
Middle Guard, 1972
- 2 Dave Rimington**  
Center, 1982
- 3 Dean Steinkuhler**  
Guard, 1983
- 4 Grant Wistrom**  
Defensive end, 1997
- 5 Ndamukong Suh,**  
Defensive Tackle, 2009



Nebraska punter Caleb Lightbourn had his punt attempt blocked by Indiana that resulted in the Hoosiers scoring their first two points of the



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e game.

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pounds. Davis said even with the weight gain, he's become more explosive.

"I didn't think I could get this big. I actually feel like my get off is way quicker so I mean putting on the right muscle and seeing the trainer everyday has helped a lot."

The 6-foot-5, 255 pound defensive end provided limited depth behind starters Ross Dzuris and Freedom Akinmoladun through the first three games playing mostly on third down passing situations.

"At the beginning of the season I wanted to play every snap. That's just the way it is. You want to be the best but I believe in what the coaches do and how they feel. They put the best player out there."

Through the last two games, Davis's snaps have almost doubled playing on third downs and when Dzuris and Akinmoladun need a break.

"It's exciting. Just knowing one snap here, two snaps there and just to see my snaps going up is just motivation to keep getting better. It's fun to see the process."

Parrella said he is still raw but flashes of his true potential makes you realize what he can become.

"He plays hard. He's got a lot of natural to him. His size and his speed and that, we're hoping at some point to really be that threat off the corner. For him it's been a process. When you have 6-foot-6, 6-foot-7 players, the hardest part for them is to get that big frame underneath against a tight end. He's really starting to pick it up."

With Dzuris and Akinmoladun slotted as the starters, Davis, DaiShon Neal and Sedrick King are all competing for playing time behind them. Davis said the competition is only going to make everyone else better.

"We challenge each other everyday with pass rushing and seeing who can get the most stops. I feel like that put a little in Freedom and Ross just knowing that they have to keep going. That's the way it should be."

An opportunity he still can't fathom sometimes.

"I had no clue I was going to do all this," Davis said "It still blows my mind when I think about it. It's truly a blessing"



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**Brandon Reilly tips the ball right before making an acrobatic catch against Indiana.**

## REILLY SLIDES INTO SLOT WITH WESTERKAMP OUT

With Jordan Westerkamp to miss his first-full game as a Husker, head coach Mike Riley has a decision to make on who will play slot against Indiana.

The wide receiving core is Nebraska's deepest position group, which makes the loss of Westerkamp doable.

The Huskers will turn to Brandon Reilly to be the guy to move over to the slot. Reilly has been known for his speed on the outside averaging 17.6 yards-per-catch throughout his career.

"Keith (Williams) does a nice job of kind of teaching these young guys the big picture of the receiver position, and Brandon is a very attentive guy," Riley said. "So he has paid attention and also practiced in the slot. I hate not having Jordan in there, but I think that Brandon, our goal is for him to kind of go in there seamlessly and play."

Reilly joked that the switch to inside is easier than playing receiver on the outside.

"We always tell Westy it's easier playing slot, so hopefully I don't mess up and make him look too good," Reilly said.

Reilly may not be as sure-handed as Westerkamp but with his 6-foot-2, 200 pound frame could create mismatches against linebackers and safeties in coverage.

"He'll be effective because he has all the tools to play inside," wide receivers coach Keith Williams said. "He's smart, he's tough, he's fast, he can make tough grabs, he knows the plays, he knows the nuances."

Another thing going for Reilly is he knows the position well. Williams in the offseason emphasized the need for his wide receivers to know more than just their preferred position.

"You try to get guys to learn them all, because you want to learn the plays as concepts," Williams said. "And so if you learn the play as concepts, then all you gotta do is know the route."

The slot position specifically creates space on the go based on what the defense is doing.

"The thing about the inside spot is that you have to know the nuances," Williams said. "Because those routes are a lot of feel, and sometimes you gotta make decisions on the move based on

what you see the defense doing."

Reilly said he is hoping to use that to his advantage.

"There's a lot of different way to get open so hopefully I can make something happen," Reilly said.

Not all wide receivers have learned all three positions yet. Sophomore Stanley Morgan Jr. is the only other receiver that could play the slot Saturday.

Before Williams suggestion to learn all three though, Reilly already insisted in himself to learn all three positions thanks to a then-senior when Reilly was a freshman.

Walk-on Tim Marlowe told the then-freshman Reilly to learn every position he could because the more Reilly knew, the more he would see the field.

"I kind of took that to heart and I've just done that ever since," Reilly said.

After missing the Oregon game with a hamstring injury, Reilly played some slot after Westerkamp's injury against Illinois. Now he is back to full health after spending 50 hours in the training room throughout the week.

"I kind of got sick of those guys, but they did a great job getting me back," Reilly said. "A lot of work went into it, but it was worth it."

## FOLTZ NAMED HONORARY MEMBER OF CLASS AWARD

The candidates for the 2016 Senior CLASS Award in college were announced on Wednesday. The Senior CLASS Award recognized Sam Foltz as the award's first-ever honorary nominee in addition to 30 other candidates from around the nation.

To be eligible for this award, a student-athlete must be classified as an NCAA Division I FBS senior and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence: community, classroom, character and competition.

An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, the Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in athletics to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

Before his tragic passing on July 23, Foltz stood for all of the ideals of the Senior CLASS Award. Foltz was the 2015

Big Ten Punter of the Year and a member of the preseason watch list for the Ray Guy Award. He was a standout in the classroom and community as well. Foltz earned his degree in agronomy in May and was a five-time member of the Nebraska Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll.

An active participant in Nebraska's community outreach efforts, Foltz was a member of both the Brook Berringer and Tom Osborne Citizenship teams, and was awarded a Nebraska Student-Athlete HERO Leadership Award.

In 2014, Ameer Abdullah was selected as the winner of the football Senior CLASS Award. Foltz is the first honorary captain in award's history.

## RILEY GIVES UPDATES ON PLAYER INJURIES

In the final practice before the team heads to Indiana, head coach Mike Riley provided injury updates on players availability heading into Saturday's game.

Running back Devine Ozigbo, wide receiver Alonzo Moore, right guard Tanner Farmer and right tackle David Knevel are all expected to play. Wide receiver Jordan Westerkamp and tight end Cethan Carter will not play and won't travel to Bloomington.

Throughout the week, Ozigbo was listed as doubtful to play, due to a sprained ankle suffered in the victory against Illinois.

However, Riley said Ozigbo was able to practice Wednesday and Thursday to give way to play on Saturday.

"It looks like Devine Ozigbo will play," Riley said. "He looked good today, had a pretty good workout yesterday. We didn't know today what was going to happen, but just watching him, he had quite a few reps in practice today, and he will travel with us."

Running backs Mikale Wilbon and Tre Bryant were expected to have an increased role alongside Terrell Newby but Ozigbo's return provides depth for the young backfield.

"It really hasn't changed the game plan, it just improves our depth of players who have already played in the game," Riley said. "That's probably the biggest deal. I like Devine a lot. It's comforting to have him."

After a bye week, Knevel finally feels



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## Sam Cotton made a career-high three catches against Indiana in place of Cethan Carter, who sat out with an injury.

comfortable planting on his sprained ankle. The junior played through the injury against Northwestern and up until the second series of the Illinois game.

Knevel said the bye week did wonders for his recovery.

"It's feeling great," Knevel said. "After the week of the bye week and the few days off it feels really good."

Along with having Farmer back, Knevel said Corey Whittaker and Cole Conrad picked up the slack in their absence.

"It's great going forward," Knevel said. "Cole and Corey did really well when they went in there. It was really good to put guys in and not look back and only move forward."

## NEXT MAN UP AT TIGHT END WITH CARTER OUT

With Cethan Carter out against Indiana with an elbow injury, the tight end position will be asked to step up.

Good thing for the Huskers is their a veterans behind Carter. Seniors Sam Cotton and Trey Foster both have played a lot of football and had their moments so far during the season.

Junior Tyler Hopkes looks to carve a

role also. Hopkes might be the Huskers best receiving tight end behind Carter.

The difficult part is each of the three players are more skilled at one attribute than others while Carter is the complete package that you look for in a tight end.

Each of the three will have certain formations they will be on the field for based on their strengths.

"Obviously it is not ideal," Tight ends coach Tavita Thompson said. "But we have some veteran guys that can step up to the plate. Next man up."

Cotton will play more of Carter's role, Foster will be more of a blocker in Cotton's role and Hopkes will be a receiving option on passing downs.

"We're going to formation things up to put those guys in the best situation," Thompson said.

## HUSKERS WELCOME JAMES RODGERS WITH OPEN ARMS

Riley fulfilled a promise kept long ago and made a late addition to the coaching staff during the offseason.

Former star wide receiver under Riley at Oregon State, James Rodgers, joined Riley's staff in August as a part-time intern in Nebraska's personnel department.

"It's really fun to have him, and I told him a long time ago, when he was ready and done playing I'd have a spot for him," Riley said. "I think James will eventually coach. Right now he's working basically as an assistant to Kenny Wilhite (director of high school relations), so he's in personnel, and he and Kenny are in charge of, one part of their duties is our freshman."

Riley said Rodgers influence on the team has already been noticed.

"So James is really that liaison kind of with our staff and our freshman outside of the football field, and he's like the perfect mentor for young guys in the program, because he was the guy at Oregon State that I would tell the younger guys, you know, 'If you want to learn how to do this thing correctly, follow James Rodgers around for a week.'

"He was very diligent, conscientious guy all the time, maybe the most diligent that I've ever had. He had the talent but he made himself into an All-American player, and so I just knew he would be a great example for our team but also specifically for freshman that are just kind of learning the way. He's been a big help in that regard."

# Hometown Huskers

## Walk-on Cole Conrad steps into offensive line spot

Story by Kevin Houck • Photo by Mitch Otto

**THE HUSKERS OFFENSIVE** line hasn't been handed any favors this season. Injuries have mounted and forced Nebraska to move down the line to find depth at every position on the line.

During fall camp Jerald Foster was lost for season with torn ligaments in his knee. Tanner Farmer and David Knevel are both still recovering from a sprained ankle that has forced them to miss games.

Farmer sat out against Illinois with Corey Whittaker replacing him. Knevel entered the Northwestern game with doubts but managed to play through the game and then up until the first half of the Illinois game.

Cole Conrad emerged as the top backup at right tackle to replace Knevel in the game. The redshirt sophomore walk-on said his first offensive snap of his Husker career was a special feeling.

"It was kind of surreal because growing up in Nebraska it's been a childhood dream to play on that field," Conrad said. "At the time I was on the field I wasn't thinking anything of it but to help the team win. Afterwards it was a pretty special moment.

"I just remember Dylan Utter saying, 'this is fun' and I didn't really know what that meant at the time but now that I look back on it it definitely was fun."

With Knevel in doubt a week before, Conrad said he prepared as if he was going to play.

"As a backup guy you have to prepare each week as if you're going in," Conrad said. "This week was just a little bit more

since David (Knevel) was banged up but the preparation doesn't change. You have to always be ready."

Knevel along with his ankle injury struggled to maintain Illinois defensive end Dawuane Smoot off the edge. Smoot is considered

one of the top defensive linemen in the country.

"I'm pleased with Cole," Riley said. "Given his relative youth, I'm excited about him. He's one of those guys that backs up everywhere. He's smart and he's got good athletic ability. I think he's continued to grow as a player. That does nothing but help us. I think he did a nice job."

The Fremont native may be the favor the Huskers offensive unit has been waiting for. Conrad held his own against Smoot not allowing a sack and helped the Huskers rush for 132 yards in the second half, including a 63-yard touchdown run for Terrell Newby through the right side.

"It's definitely a good thing," Conrad said. "Anytime you can get experience on the field and especially against a guy like Smoot on the Illinois defense is something good to have in your back pocket."

Entering the Illinois game, Conrad was the top backup option at all five offensive line spots. Offensive line coach Mike Cavanaugh moved Conrad around the line in fall camp because of the injuries.

"Conrad's a really smart guy and prepares well each week," Utter said. "He was working out a little bit at center, so he has a good knowledge for football too so that helps as well."

Before the Illinois game, Conrad saw the field on the special teams unit. Getting action on special teams gave him an idea of what his first snap of his career on offense might be like.

"That definitely helped with the speed of the game and stuff like that but that certainly helped," Conrad said.

Conrad was offered by South Dakota State and Northern State out of high school but walking-on at Nebraska was an easy decision for him.

"It was definitely a different transition to me but this was a childhood dream to come here to play football all along," Conrad said. "It was kind of a no-brainer decision for me."





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Sat, Sep 03	Fresno State	Memorial Stadium	-
Sat, Sep 10	Wyoming	Memorial Stadium	-
Sat, Sep 17	Oregon	Memorial Stadium	-
Sat, Sep 24	Northwestern *	at Evanston, Ill.	-
Sat, Oct 01	Illinois *	Memorial Stadium	-
Sat, Oct 15	Indiana *	at Bloomington, Ind.	-
Sat, Oct 22	Purdue *	Memorial Stadium	-
Sat, Oct 29	Wisconsin *	at Madison, Wis.	-
Sat, Nov 05	Ohio State *	at Columbus, Ohio	-
Sat, Nov 12	Minnesota *	Memorial Stadium	-
Sat, Nov 19	Maryland *	Memorial Stadium	-
Fri, Nov 25	Iowa *	at Iowa City, Iowa	-

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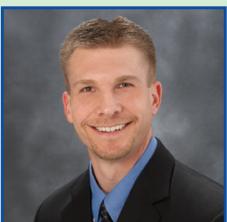
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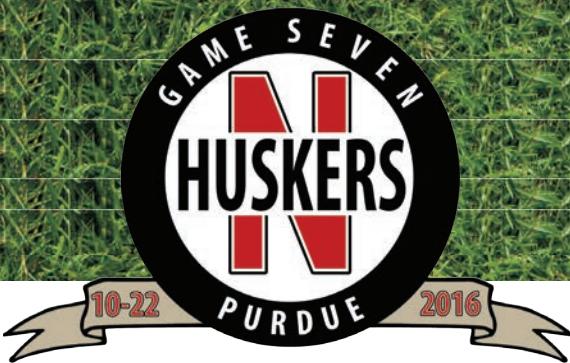
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1	Lamar Jackson	DB	6-3	195	Fr.	Elk Grove, Calif. (Franklin)	41	Luke McNitt	FB	6-2	240	Jr.	Kearney, Neb. (Nebraska-Kearney)(Kearney)
1	Jordan Westerkamp	WR	6-0	200	Sr.	Lombard, Ill. (Montini Catholic)	42	Trey Foster	TE	6-2	250	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
2	Tony Butler	DB	6-2	195	Fr.	Lakewood, Ohio (St. Edward)	43	Tyrin Ferguson	LB	6-2	225	So.	New Orleans, La. (Edna Karr)
2	Zack Darlington	WR	6-2	195	So.	Apopka, Fla. (Apopka)	43	Todd Honas	WR	5-11	200	Fr.	Aurora, Neb. (Aurora)
3	Lavan Alston Jr.	WR	6-0	175	RFr.	Oxnard, Calif. (St. Bonaventure)	44	Mitch McCann	FB	6-0	240	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (Burke)
3	Marcus Newby	LB	6-1	235	Jr.	North Potomac, Md. (Quince Orchard)	44	Mick Stoltenberg	DL	6-5	290	So.	Gretna, Neb. (Gretna)
4	Avery Anderson	S	6-0	185	RFr.	Surprise, Ariz. (Pine Creek (Colorado Springs))	45	Ty Chaffin	WR	6-5	200	Fr.	Burwell, Neb. (Burwell)
4	Tommy Armstrong Jr.	QB	6-1	220	Sr.	Cibolo, Texas (Steele)	45	A.J. Natter	DE	6-5	260	Jr.	Milton, Wis. (Milton)
5	Derrick Young II	LB	6-1	220	So.	Peoria, Ariz. (Centennial)	47	Branden Hohenstein	TE	6-4	205	Fr.	Jackson, Neb. (Bishop Heelan)
6	Eric Lee Jr.	CB	6-0	190	RFr.	Milton, Mass. (Valor Christian (Colorado))	47	Matt Jarzynka	DE	6-4	255	So.	Loup City, Neb. (Loup City)
7	Mohamed Barry	LB	6-1	220	RFr.	Grayson, Ga. (Grayson)	48	Erik Evans	DE	6-3	255	Jr.	Waverly, Neb. (Waverly)
8	Chris Jones	CB	6-0	185	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla. (Sandalwood)	49	Austin Hemphill	FB	6-0	220	RFr.	Gretna, Neb. (Gretna)
8	Stanley Morgan Jr.	WR	6-1	200	So.	New Orleans, La. (St. Augustine)	49	Chris Weber	LB	6-3	230	Jr.	Omaha, Neb. (Elkhorn)
9	DaiShon Neal	DE	6-7	270	RFr.	Houston, Texas (Omaha Central)	50	Garret Johns	DL	6-0	285	Sr.	Aurora, Neb. (Aurora)
9	Keyan Williams	WR	5-10	195	So.	New Orleans, La. (Fresno State) (Lusher)	50	John Raridon	OL	6-4	275	Fr.	West Des Moines, Iowa (Valley)
10	Joshua Kalu	CB	6-1	190	Jr.	Houston, Texas (Alief Taylor)	51	Jared Brugmann	LB	6-2	235	RFr.	Gretna, Neb. (Gretna)
10	JD Spielman	WR	5-9	180	Fr.	Eden Prairie, Minn. (Eden Prairie)	52	Josh Banderas	LB	6-3	240	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southwest)
11	Cethan Carter	TE	6-4	240	Sr.	New Orleans, La. (Archbishop Rummel)	53	Alex Boryca	LB	6-2	220	So.	Cozad, Neb. (Cozad)
11	Boaz Joseph	CB	6-1	190	Jr.	Weston, Fla. (Cypress Bay)	54	Creighton Hamik	LB	6-3	210	Fr.	Kearney, Neb. (Kearney Catholic)
12	Luke Gifford	LB	6-3	230	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)	54	Jordan Ober	LS	6-1	205	So.	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
12	Patrick O'Brien	QB	6-4	230	Fr.	San Juan Capistrano, Calif. (San Juan Hills)	54	Robby Painter	OL	6-5	300	Sr.	Centennial, Colo. (Grandview)
13	JoJo Domann	DB	6-1	205	Fr.	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Pine Creek)	55	Kevin Maurice	DT	6-3	300	Sr.	Orlando, Fla. (Freedom)
13	Tanner Lee	QB	6-4	205	Jr.	Destrehan, La. (Tulane) (Jesuit)	56	Brad Simpson	LB	6-0	230	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (Ralston)
14	Kyle Kasun	DB	6-0	180	RFr.	Papillion, Neb. (Papillion-La Vista South)	56	Boe Wilson	OL	6-3	295	Fr.	Lee's Summit, Mo. (Lee's Summit West)
15	De'Mornay Pierson-El	WR	5-9	185	Jr.	Alexandria, Va. (West Potomac)	57	Jacob Weinmaster	LB	6-0	215	RFr.	Loveland, Colo. (Loveland)
15	Michael Rose-Ivey	LB	6-0	230	Sr.	Kansas City, Mo. (Rockhurst)	58	Joel Lopez	DL	6-2	280	Jr.	Saint Charles, Ill. (Burlington Central)
16	Antonio Reed	S	6-2	220	So.	Memphis, Tenn. (Southaven (Miss.))	58	Corey Whitaker	OL	6-5	295	Sr.	Murrieta, Calif. (Vista Murrieta)
17	Ryker Fyfe	QB	6-3	215	Sr.	Grand Island, Neb. (Grand Island)	59	Brody Cleveland	LB	6-2	225	RFr.	Ogallala, Neb. (Ogallala)
17	Sedrick King	DE	6-4	250	So.	Plant City, Fla. (Plant City)	61	Bryan Brokop	OL	6-5	275	Fr.	New Lenox, Ill. (Lincoln-Way West)
18	Tre Bryant	IB	5-11	200	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Christian Brothers College)	62	Cole Conrad	OL	6-5	305	So.	Fremont, Neb. (Archbishop Bergan)
19	Marquel Dismuke	DB	6-2	180	Fr.	Calabasas, Calif. (Calabasas)	63	Tanner Farmer	OL	6-4	295	So.	Highland, Ill. (Highland)
21	Charles Jackson	DB	5-11	180	Sr.	Spring, Texas (Klein Collins)	65	Christian Gaylord	OL	6-6	300	RFr.	Baldwin City, Kan. (Baldwin City)
21	Mikale Wilbon	IB	5-9	195	So.	Chicago, Ill. (De La Salle Institute)	66	Dylan Utter	OL	6-1	295	Sr.	Papillion, Neb. (Papillion-La Vista)
22	Alex Davis	DE	6-5	255	RFr.	Riviera Beach, Fla. (Dwyer)	67	Jerald Foster	OL	6-3	310	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
22	Devine Ozigbo	IB	5-11	230	So.	Sachse, Texas (Sachse)	68	Nick Gates	OL	6-5	290	So.	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
23	Dicaprio Bootle	DB	5-10	180	Fr.	Miami, Fla. (Southridge)	71	Matt Farniok	OL	6-6	300	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. (Washington)
23	Austin Rose	IB	6-1	225	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (North Star)	72	Zach Hannon	OL	6-5	315	Jr.	Kansas City, Mo. (Rockhurst)
24	Aaron Williams	S	5-11	185	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga. (Carver)	73	Sam Hahn	OL	6-7	300	Sr.	DeWitt, Neb. (No. Dakota St.) (Tri-County)
25	Nathan Gerry	S	6-2	220	Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. (Washington)	74	Jalin Barnett	OL	6-4	310	RFr.	Lawton, Okla. (Lawton)
26	Thomas Connely	LB	5-11	220	So.	Kearney, Neb. (Kearney Catholic)	75	Fyn Anderson	DL	6-3	260	RFr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
26	Brady Pelzer	WR	5-11	185	So.	Bellevue, Neb. (Bellevue East)	76	Dwayne Johnson Jr.	OL	6-6	300	Jr.	Houston, Texas (Bellaire)
26	Jamie Sutcliffe	PK	6-2	190	Sr.	Thousand Oaks, Calif. (Utah/Pierce College) (Thousand Oaks)	76	Dylan Owen	DL	6-5	240	So.	Westchester, N.Y. (Bridgton Academy) (Somers)
26	Kieron Williams	S	6-1	195	Jr.	Shreveport, La. (Air Force Prep) (C.E. Byrd)	77	David Knevel	OL	6-9	315	Jr.	Brantford, Ontario, Canada (Pauline Johnson Collegiate)
27	Sam Foltz	P	6-2	205	Sr.	Greeley, Neb. (Grand Island)	79	Michael Decker	OL	6-4	285	RFr.	Omaha, Neb. (North)
28	Eli Sullivan	DB	6-2	190	Fr.	Longmont, Colo. (Longmont)	80	Brett Classen	WR	6-2	205	Jr.	Medina, Minn. (Winona State) (Wayzata)
28	Adam Taylor	IB	6-2	210	Jr.	Katy, Texas (Katy)	81	Gabe Rahn	WR	6-1	195	Jr.	Le Mars, Iowa (Le Mars)
29	Nolan Graham	DB	5-11	200	So.	Firth, Neb. (Norris)	82	Alonzo Moore	WR	6-2	195	Sr.	Winnfield, La. (Winnfield Senior)
29	Graham Nabity	IB	6-1	210	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (Elkhorn)	83	David Engelhaupt	TE	6-3	230	Fr.	Norfolk, Neb. (Norfolk Catholic)
30	Quayshon Alexander	LB	6-3	235	Fr.	Prospect Park, N.J. (De Paul Catholic)	83	Bryan Reimers	WR	6-5	210	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Lincoln East)
30	Bo Kittle	FB	6-1	225	Sr.	Ashland, Neb. (Ashland-Greenwood)	84	Sam Cotton	TE	6-5	250	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
31	Greg Simmons	LB	6-2	240	Fr.	Fort Pierce, Fla. (Fort Pierce Central)	85	Matt Snyder	TE	6-5	255	RFr.	San Ramon, Calif. (California)
31	Conor Young	WR	6-2	170	RFr.	Cozad, Neb. (Cozad)	86	Jack Stoll	TE	6-4	235	Fr.	Lone Tree, Colo. (Regis Jesuit)
32	Tanner Hass	RB	6-0	195	Fr.	West Point, Neb. (Guardian Angels)	87	Brandon Reilly	WR	6-2	200	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southwest)
32	Pernell Jefferson	LB	6-2	225	Fr.	New Orleans, La. (Warren Easton)	88	Ross Dzuris	DE	6-3	255	Fr.	Plattsmouth, Neb. (Plattsmouth)
33	Christian Bailey	WR	6-0	205	Jr.	San Clemente, Calif. (San Clemente)	88	Tyler Hopkes	TE	6-4	240	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Wayne St.) (Southwest)
33	Tanner Zlab	DB	5-10	195	Sr.	Wilber, Neb. (Doane) (Wilber-Clatonia)	89	Connor Ketter	TE	6-5	245	Jr.	Norfolk, Neb. (Norfolk Catholic)
34	Drew Brown	PK	5-11	195	Jr.	Southlake, Texas (Southlake Carroll)	91	Freedom Akinmoladun	DE	6-4	255	So.	Grandview, Mo. (Grandview)
34	Terrell Newby	IB	5-10	200	Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Chaminade)	92	Chase Urbach	LS	6-3	200	RFr.	Grosse Pointe, Mich. (Grosse Pointe South)
35	Caleb Lightbourn	P/PK	6-3	220	Fr.	Washougal, Wash. (Camas)	94	Khalil Davis	DT	6-2	290	RFr.	Blue Springs, Mo. (Blue Springs)
35	Jeremiah Stovall	DB	5-11	175	RFr.	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)	95	Spencer Lindsay	PK	5-9	210	Sr.	Kearney, Neb. (Kearney)
36	Spencer Jordan	FB	6-2	215	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)	95	Ben Stille	DE	6-5	240	Fr.	Ashland, Neb. (Ashland-Greenwood)
36	Reid Karel	DB	6-3	205	RFr.	Seward, Neb. (Seward)	96	Carlos Davis	DT	6-2	295	RFr.	Blue Springs, Mo. (Blue Springs)
37	Wyatt Mazour	IB	5-9	190	RFr.	Albion, Neb. (Boone Central)	97	Logan Rath	DT	6-4	280	Sr.	Giltner, Neb. (So. Dakota St.) (Giltner)
38	Harrison Jordan	FB	5-10	230	Jr.	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)	98	Isaac Armstrong	P	5-11	195	RFr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Kearney) (Southwest)
39	Donovan McDonald	WR	5-11	175	RFr.	Montclair, N.J. (Fork Union Military Academy) (Montclair)	98	Collin Miller	DE	6-3	235	Fr.	Fishers, Ind. (Hamilton Southeastern)
39	Jordan Nelson	IB	5-8	180	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (Burke)	99	Peyton Newell	DT	6-3	290	So.	Hiawatha, Kan. (Hiawatha)
40	Ty Betka	WR	5-7	165	Sr.	Superior, Neb. (Drake)	Jake Kitten	OL	6-2	290	Fr.	Santee, Calif. (Santana)	
40	Grant Jordan	LB	6-2	205	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)	Sean Lambert	IB	6-0	200	Fr.	Fremont, Neb. (Fremont)	
41	Noah Johnson	IB	6-0	210	RFr.	Sutton, Neb. (Sutton)	Ne'Land Smith	WR	6-3	190	Fr.	Blue Springs, Mo. (Blue Springs)	



## 2016 SCHEDULE

Sept. 3	Eastern Kentucky	W, 45-25
Sept. 10	Cincinnati	L, 38-20
Sept. 24	Nevada	W, 24-14
Oct. 1	@ Maryland	L, 50-7
Oct. 8	@ Illinois	W, 34-31
Oct. 15	Iowa	L, 49-35
<b>Oct. 22</b>	<b>@ Nebraska</b>	
Oct. 29	Penn State	
Nov. 5	@ Minnesota	
Nov. 12	Northwestern	
Nov. 19	Wisconsin	
Nov. 26	@ Indiana	

## 2015 RESULTS (2-10, 1-7)

Eastern Illinois	W, 42-20
@ Marshall	L, 41-31
Indiana State	W, 38-14
Virginia Tech	L, 51-24
Bowling Green	L, 35-28
@ Michigan State	L, 24-21
Minnesota	L, 41-13
@ Wisconsin	L, 24-7
Nebraska	W, 55-45
Illinois	L, 48-14
@ Northwestern	L, 21-14
@ Iowa City	L, 40-20
Indiana	L, 54-36

## COACH GERAD PARKER

Gerad Parker was elevated to interim head coach Oct. 16, taking over for Darrell Hazell, who was relieved of his duties.



Parker, a Kentucky graduate, is in his fourth season at Purdue. He was hired Feb. 11, 2013, and spent his first two seasons as tight ends coach before becoming wide receivers coach in 2015. He also has served as recruiting coordinator. Parker previously worked at Marshall, joining the Thundering Herd coaching staff in the spring of 2011 and spending two years as wide receivers coach. Prior to Marshall, Parker spent three seasons at UT-Martin.



**David Blough**

Story By Shane G. Gilster • Photos Courtesy of Purdue Athletics

### Huskers Hope to Steam Out The Boilermakers

Nebraska suffered its most embarrassing loss last season to Purdue. To make matters worse, it was the Boilermakers only Big Ten win as they finished the year 1-7 and 2-10 overall.

This year Purdue has already won a conference game and looks more competitive, but are still not the type of team that would contend for their division in the Big Ten.

The Huskers are in a midst of an undefeated season and will not let the Boilermakers surprise them this year. But the Big Red is not looking good offensively so this game will be closer than it should be. NU will payback Purdue and get a solid win to go to 7-0.

**Prediction:** Nebraska 36, Purdue 16

### Offensive Preview

**Starters Returning/Lost:** 10/3

**Offense:** Multiple

**Outlook:** If Purdue moves the ball effectively, they need their passing game to take off. They are averaging over 305 yards per game so that is a good stat.

Quarterback David Blough has thrown 12 touchdowns but also has 10 interceptions. Blough's two top targets are Domonique Young and DeAngelo Yancey.

In his last game against Iowa, Blough threw the ball 60 times connecting on 30 of them for 458 yards and five touchdowns.

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The running game hasn't been as effective but they do have a good running back in sophomore Markell Jones. He is only averaging 4.5 per carry and 74 yards per game but with the Boilermakers throwing the ball so much, he doesn't get many opportunities.

## Defensive Preview

### Starters Returning/Lost:

9/3

#### Defense: Multiple

**Outlook:** Opponents are averaging 34 points per game against the Boilermakers. Teams don't have to throw to move the ball and win. Not when you average almost six yards per carry and 264 yards per game.

In their last game against the Hawkeyes, Purdue gave up 365 yards on the ground and almost seven yards per rush. Nebraska's offense is also a good running team and should be able to do a similar job against the Boilermakers.

There aren't too many difference makers on Purdue's defense but Jake Replogle is a solid defensive tackle and Evan Panfil leads the team in sacks with four.

## Special Teams Preview

### Starters Returning/Lost:

2/1

**Outlook:** The kicking game has been better than in recent years. Freshman place kicker J.D. Dillingham won the game against Illinois with a field goal in overtime. He is 4 of 7 on the season with a long of 37 yards.

Sophomore Joe Schopper is another young promising



Jake Replogle sat out the Iowa game but is expected to play against Nebraska.

Boilermaker. He started 11 games as a freshman, averaging 40 yards per punt. This season he is on track to do that again. His long on the year is a 57-yarder.

The return game hasn't been much of a factor this year with junior wideout Malik Kimbrough being the main man.

## Did You Know?

In the 1960s, Purdue became known as 'Quarterback U' and 'Cradle of Quarterbacks' by media and rivals such as Ohio State and Notre Dame due to its prominent QBs. Between 1967 and 1974, Purdue QBs Len Dawson and Bob Griese started five Super Bowls, winning three. Drew Brees won Super Bowl XLIV. Fifteen Purdue QBs went on to the NFL. The Boilermakers are tied for first with Alabama in producing Super Bowl winning quarterbacks. – *Wikipedia reference*

## A Look Back

### Nebraska 35, Purdue 14

*Nov. 1, 2014 in Lincoln*

In their first-ever visit to Lincoln, the Purdue Boilermakers put up a fight against the 17th-ranked Huskers.

But Nebraska was efficient enough on both sides of the ball to pull out a 35-14 victory.

Purdue out-yarded the Big Red (340 to 297) and was within striking-distance throughout the contest but couldn't get those game-changing plays.

The win turned out to be very costly for the Huskers. Heisman Trophy candidate Ameer Abdullah sprained and bruised his left knee in NU's second possession of the game. He was trying to recover quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr.'s fumbled snap at the Purdue 1-yard line.

Abdullah's replacement Imani Cross, rushed for 66 yards and powered in two short touchdown runs. Terrell

Newby added 42 yards while adding the final touchdown of the game.

Not only did Armstrong Jr. fumbled, he also threw two interceptions and was just 8 of 21 for 118 yards. He added 70 yards rushing, with a 29-yard TD.

"I'm embarrassed," Armstrong Jr. said. "The way we played, we should have lost. I feel like I failed."

## Fast Facts

**Location:** West Lafayette, Ind.

**Enrollment:** 39,409

**First Year of football:** 1887

**National Championships:** 0

**Conference Titles:** 12

**Stadium:** Ross-Ade Stadium

**Stadium Capacity:** 62,500

**Nickname:** Boilermakers

**Colors:** Oil Gold & Black

**2015 Record:** 2-10, 1-7

**Conference:** Big Ten

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# PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

## 2016 Football Roster

No.	Name	Year	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/Last School	36	Danny Ezechukwu	JR	LB	6-2	250	Lithonia, Ga./Arabia Mountain	
1	D.J. Knox	JR	RB	5-7	206	Fairburn, Ga./Creekside	36	Richie Worship	RS	FR	6-1	245	Cleveland, Ohio/Valley Forge	
1	Brandon Roberts	SO	NB-S	5-11	198	Naylor, Ga./Lowndes	37	Brian Lankford-Johnson	FR	RB	6-0	195	St. Paul, Minn./Palm Bay (Fla.)	
2	DeWan Hunt	JR	CB	5-9	188	Miami, Fla./Miami Central	38	Brennan Thieneman	FR	S	6-1	190	Noblesville, Ind./Guerin Catholic	
2	Elijah Sindelar	RS	FR	6-4	226	Princeton, Ky./Caldwell County	40	Ronnie Hill	RS	FR	6-0	185	Indianapolis, Ind./Cathedral	
3	Leroy Clark	SR	S	5-10	197	Miami, Fla./Archbishop Carroll	41	Jacob Thieneman	SO	S	6-0	205	Noblesville, Ind./Guerin Catholic	
3	Bilal Marshall	SR	WR	6-2	201	Miami, Fla./Dade Christian	42	Andy James Garcia	SR	LB	6-0	223	Miami, Fla./Hialeah	
4	Ja'Whaun Bentley	JR	LB	6-2	250	Glenarden, Md./DeMatha Catholic	43	Myles Homan	RS	FR	K	6-1	220	Cincinnati, Ohio/St. Xavier
5	Austin Logan	SR	S	6-0	200	Tallahassee, Fla./Florida	44	Anthony Watts	FR	DT	6-4	294	Houston, Texas/Jack Yates	
5	Domonique Young	SR	WR	6-3	215	Los Angeles, Calif./Cerritos College	45	Lane Beeler	SO	RB	5-10	226	Westpoint, Ind./McCutcheon	
6	Myles Norwood	JR	CB	6-0	174	Arlington, Texas/Grace Prep	45	Austin Larkin	JR	RE	6-3	259	University City, Mo./City College of San Francisco	
7	Robert Gregory	SR	LB	6-1	225	Chicago, Ill./Simeon	46	Race Johnson	JR	CB	5-11	189	Carmel, Ind./Carmel	
7	DeAngelo Yancey	SR	WR	6-2	205	Atlanta, Ga./Mays	47	Shayne Henley	SR	DE	6-3	250	Simi Valley, Calif./Moorpark JC	
8	Kamal Hardy	JR	CB	6-0	190	Pembroke Pines, Fla./Monroe College	48	Ryan Sadkowski	SO	LS	5-11	248	Glen Ellyn, Ill./Glenbard South	
8	Markell Jones	SO	RB	5-11	210	Columbus, Ind./Columbus East	48	Rob Simmons	JR	DE	6-6	215	Philadelphia, Pa./Valley Forge Military Academy	
9	Malik Kimbrough	JR	WR	6-0	172	San Jacinto, Calif./Southwestern	49	Mike Zeigler	SO	DE	6-4	253	Springfield, Ill./Southern Illinois	
9	Lorenzo Neal	FR	DT	6-2	345	Houston, Texas/Saint Thomas	50	Keiwan Jones	SO	DT	6-2	267	Ocala, Fla./Dunnellon	
10	Mike Little	RS	FR	CB	6-0	Newhall, Calif./Notre Dame	50	Bearooz Yacoobi	SO	OL	6-5	293	Dearborn, Mich./Dearborn	
10	Gregory Phillips	JR	WR	6-0	201	Lithonia, Ga./Arabia Mountain	51	Bryce Brown	FR	OL	6-1	268	Evansville, Ind./Evansville North	
11	David Blough	SO	QB	6-1	200	Carrollton, Texas/Creekview	52	Tanner Hawthorne	FR	OT	6-6	275	Glendale, Ariz./Centennial	
11	Antoine Miles	JR	RE	6-3	248	Canton, Ohio/McKinley	53	Kirk Barron	SO	OG-C	6-2	300	Mishawaka, Ind./Marian	
12	Jared Sparks	FR	QB	6-1	200	Geismar, La./Dutchtown	54	Jake Replogle	SR	DT	6-5	289	Centerville, Ohio/Centerville	
13	Terrance Landers	FR	WR	6-4	200	Dayton, Ohio/Paul L. Dunbar	55	Ryan DeBusk	SR	RE	6-1	274	Atascadero, Calif./Atascadero	
13	Gelen Robinson	JR	DE	6-1	275	Schererville, Ind./Lake Central	55	Michael Mendez	RS	FR	OL	6-4	305	Los Fresnos, Texas/Los Fresnos
14	Danny Carrollo	FR	QB	6-1	210	Lake Forest, Ill./Lake Forest	56	Wyatt Cook	RS	FR	DE	6-2	240	Westminster, Md./McDonogh School
14	Tim Faison	RS	FR	DE	6-2	Tallahassee, Fla./Amos P. Godby	57	Semisi Fakasieiki	FR	LB	6-3	250	Compton, Calif./Dominguez	
15	Andy Chelf	RS	FR	S	6-0	Southlake, Texas/Southlake Carroll	58	Emilio Appolloni	FR	OT	6-9	280	Martins Ferry, Ohio/Martins Ferry	
16	Garrett Hudson	JR	LB	6-3	245	Tallahassee, Fla./North Florida Christian	59	Langston Newton	SR	DT	6-3	278	Indianapolis, Ind./Kentucky	
17	Fred Brown	RS	FR	DT	6-1	Boutte, La./Hahnville	60	Eric Swiniger	SO	OL	6-5	305	Munster, Ind./Munster	
17	David Day	RS	FR	CB	5-9	Indianapolis, Ind./North Central	64	Johnny Daniels	JR	OL	6-3	301	Chicago, Ill./Foreman	
18	Cameron Posey	SR	WR	6-1	192	Boca Raton, Fla./American Heritage	65	Ben Makowski	SO	LS	6-2	252	Osceola, Ind./Penn	
18	Eddy Wilson	SO	DT	6-4	300	Pontiac, Mich./West Bloomfield	66	Cameron Cermin	SR	OT	6-5	323	College Station, Texas/A&M Consolidated	
19	Aaron Banks	SO	QB	6-4	210	Indianapolis, Ind./Brebeuf	66	Alex Cridle	FR	DT	6-4	309	Broken Arrow, Okla./Thomas Edison	
19	Dezwan Polk-Campbell	JR	LB	6-3	220	Columbus, Ohio/Whetstone	68	Peyton Truitt	RS	FR	OL	6-5	296	West Lafayette, Ind./West Lafayette
20	Benaiah Franklin	FR	WR	6-1	205	Tallahassee, Fla./Amos P. Godby	70	Jordan Roos	SR	OG	6-4	301	Celina, Texas/Celina	
20	David Rose	RS	FR	CB	6-0	Temple Hills, Md./Potomac	71	Sam Loebig	FR	OL	6-3	290	Bethesda, Md./Bethesda-Chevy Chase	
21	Markus Bailey	RS	FR	LB	6-1	Columbus, Ohio/Hilliard Davidson	72	Jason King	SR	OG	6-4	310	Little Rock, Ark./Pulaski Academy	
21	Anthony Mahoungou	JR	WR	6-3	210	Paris, France/West Hills	73	Ryan Flaherty	FR	OL	6-5	300	New Carlisle, Ind./New Prairie	
22	Sawyer Dawson	RS	FR	LB	6-1	Lakeland, Fla./Plant City	74	Martesse Patterson	SO	OL	6-3	340	Columbus, Ohio/Marion-Franklin	
22	Jack Wegher	FR	RB	5-9	205	Sioux City, S.D./IMG Academy	75	Jalen Neal	JR	OT	6-8	315	Tempe, Ariz./Scottsdale C.C.	
23	Keyante Green	JR	RB	5-9	225	McDonough, Ga./Eagle's Landing Christian	77	Eric Ferguson	FR	OL	6-2	290	Noblesville, Ind./Noblesville	
23	Josh Hayes	FR	CB	6-0	181	Indianapolis, Ind./Pike	78	Grant Hermanns	FR	OL	6-7	272	Albuquerque, N.M./Rio Rancho	
24	Tim Cason	SO	S	5-11	195	Clarkston, Mich./Clarkston	79	Matt McCann	RS	FR	6-6	314	Fishers, Ind./Bishop Chatard	
25	Antonio Blackmon	SO	CB	6-0	191	Fort Wayne, Ind./Bishop Dwenger	80	Jarrett Burgess	SO	WR	6-2	218	Miami, Fla./Florida Christian	
25	Tario Fuller	RS	FR	RB	6-0	Sugar Hill, Ga./Lanier	82	Wade Buckman	FR	TE	6-6	210	Holland, Mich./Holland	
26	C.J. Parker	JR	S	6-2	205	Menifee, Calif./Mount San Jacinto	83	Malcolm Dotson	RS	FR	6-2	200	Indianapolis, Ind./Cathedral	
27	Navon Mosley	FR	S	6-0	181	West Bloomfield, Mich./West Bloomfield	84	Jess Trussell	RS	FR	6-6	240	Arlington, Texas/James Martin	
28	Brandon Shuman	FR	CB	5-11	162	Miami, Fla./Gulliver Prep	85	J.D. Dellinger	FR	K	6-2	190	Charlotte, N.C./Charlotte Country Day	
28	David Yancey	JR	RB	5-10	220	Schererville, Ind./Lake Central	88	Cole Herdman	SO	TE	6-4	251	Leesburg, Va./Flint Hill	
29	Jimmy Herman	SR	LB	6-4	230	Carmel, Ind./Carmel	89	Brycen Hopkins	RS	FR	6-5	239	Nashville, Tenn./Ensworth	
31	Joe Schopper	SO	P	6-0	196	Indianapolis, Ind./Cathedral	90	Will Colmery	SO	DT	6-5	278	Western Springs, Ill./Nazareth Academy	
32	Evan Pulliam	SR	LB	6-2	225	Indianapolis, Ind./Cathedral	91	Chazmyn Turner	RS	RE	6-5	237	Mooresville, N.C./Mooresville	
33	Jackson Anthop	FR	WR	5-11	180	West Lafayette, Ind./Central Catholic	95	Evan Panfil	SR	DE	6-5	270	New Lenox, Ill./Lincoln Way Central	
33	Simeon Smiley	FR	CB	6-0	197	Pensacola, Fla./Pensacola Catholic	96	Jake Herr	RS	P	6-5	220	Carmel, Ind./Carmel	
35	Wes Cook	JR	S	5-10	197	Westminster, Md./East Carolina	97	Nelson Arent	FR	LS	6-2	220	Nashville, Tenn./Hillwood	

# How Nebraska's Opponents Fared in Week Seven

**Sept. 3**

**Fresno State (1-6)**

**San Diego State 17, Fresno State 3**

San Diego State running back Donnel Pumphrey scored rushing touchdowns of 2 yards and 13 yards to knock off Fresno State at home for the first time since 1997. Pumphrey's 220 rushing yards put him at 5,383 career rushing yards, passing LaDainian Tomlinson and Herschel Walker for eighth all-time on the NCAA list. San Diego State possessed the ball 37:19, while Fresno State threw a season-high three interceptions.

**Sept. 10**

**Wyoming (4-2)**

**Bye**

Wyoming had a bye after defeating Air Force 35-26 in its last game. The Cowboys have won two games in a row and are 2-0 in Mountain West action with a big game at Nevada on Oct. 22. Josh Allen threw three touchdown passes for the Cowboys in the win over Air Force.

**Sept. 17**

**Oregon (2-4)**

**Bye**

**Washington State 51, Oregon 33**

The Ducks have lost four in a row starting with the Nebraska game and find themselves at 0-3 in the Pac 12 Conference standings. Oregon has given up 54 points a game in its three conference losses, including a 70-21 setback against Washington. Oregon will try to get back on a winning track at California.

**Sept. 24**

**Northwestern (3-3, 2-1)**

**Northwestern 54, Michigan State 40**

Northwestern moved the ball at will after trailing 14-0 midway through the first quarter. Running back Justin Jackson rushed for 188 yards and two touchdowns, while quarterback Clayton Thorson threw for 281 yards and three touchdowns. Michigan State has now lost four-straight games.

**Oct. 1**

**Illinois (2-4, 1-3)**

**Illinois 24, Rutgers 7**

Illinois running back Kendrick Foster scored on a five-yard touchdown and caught a five-yard touchdown from first-time starting quarterback Chayce Crouch. Foster finished with 108 rushing yards on 21 carries. The Illini defense forced five turnovers including a 75-yard interception return for a touchdown by defensive back Darius Moseley.

**Oct. 22**

**Purdue (3-3, 1-2)**

**Iowa 49, Purdue 35**

Iowa jumped out to a 28-0 lead before Purdue scored and Iowa never let the game get closer than two touchdowns. The Boilermakers gained 360 yards of total offense in the second half and finished with 504 yards of offense. David Blough fin-

ished with 458 yards and five touchdowns. Defensive tackle Jake Repleglo sat out the game with headaches. It was the first game he has missed in the last three years.

**Oct. 29**

**Wisconsin (4-2, 1-2)**

**Ohio State 30, Wisconsin 23 OT**

Ohio State kicker Tyler Durbin hit a 31-yard field goal with 3:57 remaining in the game to tie it at 23-23. In overtime, quarterback J.T. Barrett connected with wide receiver Noah Brown for 7-yard touchdown to put the Buckeyes ahead and Tyquan Lewis sacked Wisconsin quarterback Alex Hornibrook on fourth-and-goal at the four-yard line for the win.

**Nov. 5**

**Ohio State (6-0, 3-0)**

**Ohio State 30, Wisconsin 23 OT**

Ohio State kicker Tyler Durbin hit a 31-yard field goal with 3:57 remaining in the game to tie it at 23-23. In overtime, quarterback J.T. Barrett connected with wide receiver Noah Brown for 7-yard touchdown to put the Buckeyes ahead and Tyquan Lewis sacked Wisconsin quarterback Alex Hornibrook on fourth-and-goal at the four-yard line for the win. Barrett's 89th career all-purpose touchdown passed Braxton Miller for most all-time in Ohio State history.

**Nov. 12**

**Minnesota (4-2, 1-2)**

**Minnesota 31, Maryland 10**

With quarterback Mitch Leidner out with a concussion, Minnesota relied on the running game and aggressive defense to cruise to victory. Gopher running backs Rodney Smith and Shannon Brooks combined for 230 yards and two touchdowns. Maryland only managed 100 yards and four first downs through the first-three quarters.

**Nov. 19**

**Maryland (4-2, 1-2)**

**Minnesota 31, Maryland 10**

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**Nov. 25**

**Iowa (5-2, 3-1)**

**Iowa 49, Purdue 35**

Iowa jumped out to a 28-0 lead before Purdue scored and Iowa never let the game get closer than two touchdowns. The Hawkeyes scored on five of their first six opening-half possessions. Running back Akrum Wadley for 170 yards and a touchdown and cornerback Desmond King returned an interception 41 yards for a touchdown late in the fourth quarter to seal the victory. Iowa has now won nine-straight road games.

# This Week In Husker History

Oct. 22, 1994

Story by Kevin Houck • Huskers Illustrated Archives

This week in Husker history we go back to 1994 because who doesn't like talking about the 90s when it comes to Husker football.

On Oct. 22, 1994, No. 3 Nebraska (7-0) traveled to Missouri (2-4). There wasn't a lot of hype heading into the matchup.

All eyes were on Nebraska's game the next week but solid performances from Lawrence Phillips and quarterback Brook Berringer helped the Huskers propel to a 42-7 victory.

With No. 2 Colorado in the balance next week, it appeared through the first quarter that Nebraska's focus was fast-forwarded a week. The offense totaled 16 yards and no first downs on eight plays through the first 15 minutes.

By the end of the game, the Huskers tallied 482 total yards. Phillips rushed for over 100 yards for the eighth-straight game and Berringer threw for a career high 152 yards and three touchdowns.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Huskers finally got on track in the second quarter.

Berringer rushed for runs of 13 and nine yards and fullback Cory Schlesinger broke a 22-yard run through the middle. Then Phillips took a pitch and ran to the right corner of the end zone for a 7-0 lead with 11:15 to play in the second quarter. The touchdown capped a 12-play, 92-yard drive.

The Huskers went up 14-0 after the Blackshirts stopped the Tigers for minus-three yards on their ensuing drive.

After a personal foul penalty on the punt return, the Huskers set up at the Tigers 30-yard line, fullback Jeff Makovicka rushed for 12 yards and Berringer found tight end Mark Gilman for a 6-yard completion before Benning rushed untouched for a nine-yard touchdown to put the Huskers up 14-0 at halftime.

The Huskers opening drive out of halftime gave life to the Tigers when Berringer took his only option play of the game, and

pitched the ball erratically to Phillips deep in their own territory.

Phillips couldn't corral the ball off the ground and the ball was recovered by Missouri at the 10-yard line.

After taking over possession, Missouri running back Brock Olivio rushed the ball to the Huskers one-yard line on first down. On the next play Nebraska defensive back Barron Miles forced running back Joe Freeman to fumble and the ball was recovered by linebacker Ed Stewart for a touchback.

On Missouri's next drive, quarterback Jeff Handy moved the Tigers to midfield until a sack by linebacker Dwayne Harris forced a second-and-17.

On the next play, Miles forced another turnover. This time intercepting Handy at midfield and returned the ball to the Tigers 23-yard line.

Berringer completed a one-yard touchdown pass to tight end Mark Gilman six play later to put the Huskers up 21-0.

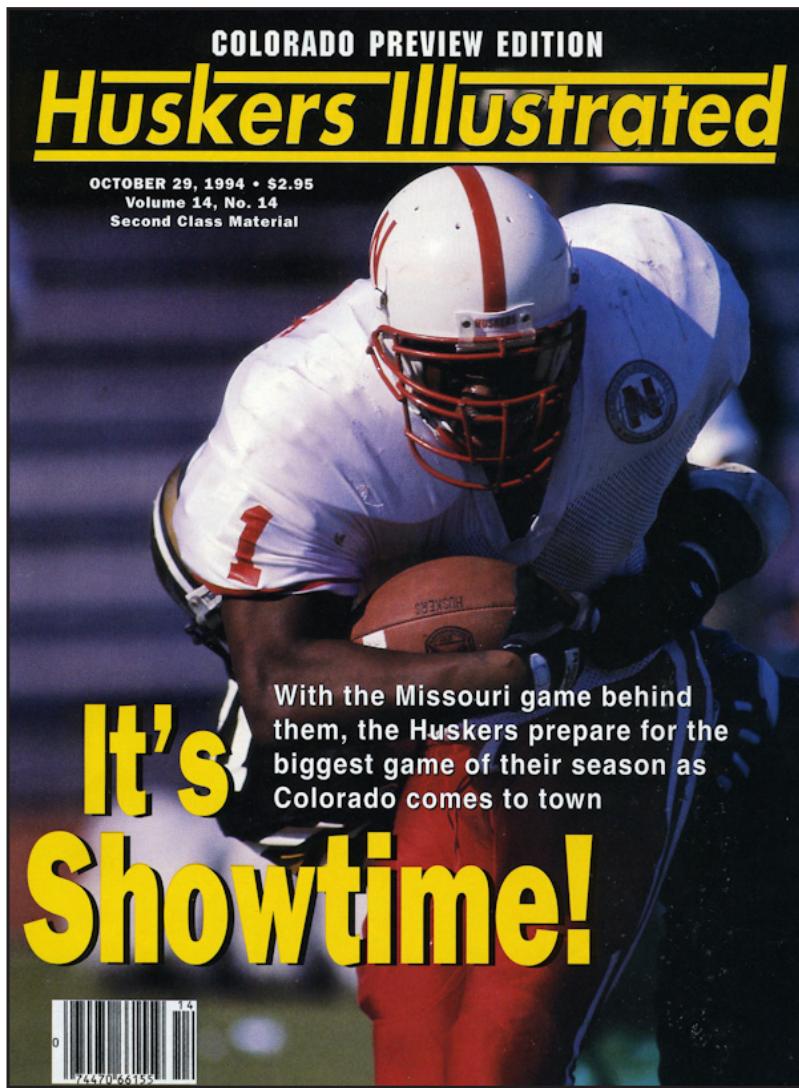
Before the end of the third quarter, Berringer found tight end Brendan Holbein for a 30-yard touchdown pass to push the Huskers lead to 28-0.

The Tigers finally got on the scoreboard with 7:36 left in the game. Handy threw a 34-yard touchdown pass.

Nebraska didn't ease through the last seven minutes of the game. Berringer threw a 43-yard touchdown to tight end Reggie Baul and Benning added his second touchdown of the game with a 2-yard run with 1:23 remaining to make the final score 42-7.

Benning finished with 39 yards on 10 carries.

The Blackshirt defense carried the Huskers while the offense worked out its kinks. They limited the Tigers to 198 total yards, their second-lowest output of the season, and Miles two turnovers helped all but kill Missouri's hopes of beating Nebraska for the first time in 16 tries.





# A Stroll Down Rasmussen Road With **BILL GLASSFORD**

Former Nebraska football coach who passed away on Sept. 19.

Column by Butch Rasmussen • Courtesy NU Media Relations

RIP: Bill Glassford. Nebraska's football coach from 1949-55 died September 19, at the age of 102 in Arizona

I first became acquainted with Coach Glassford as a teenager when my dad and I used to attend Friday practice prior to home football games to visit with Husker players Ted Britt and Charlie Toogood from North Platte.

We made the trip every home game Friday from North Platte and it was always good to see Britt and Toogood and we received a warm welcome from Coach Glassford if we happened to catch his eye.

When Glassford took over the head coaching job in 1949 he was faced with an up hill battle. It had been eight years since the program had won more games than it had lost. In most seasons it wasn't even close in the 22 wins of 72 games played.

Glassford's best season was 1950 when he went 6-2-1 with wins over Penn State, Missouri and Minnesota among others with the help of All-America sophomore tailback Bobby Reynolds. That team finished 17th in the AP poll.

It was the only time in 10 years the Huskers had finished with a winning season.

Glassford's duration was a period of growth for African-American players on the Husker team also.

There was an extended period of time prior to 1950 when there were no African-American players on the Husker football team but Glassford said Charlie Bryant, Sylvester Harris and Jon McWilliams came on the scene during the early 50s and he said they were good players.

Contrary to what was going on in other parts of the country at that time, he said they never had a problem with racial prejudice in the restaurants and hotels they visited. "NEVER" he said emphatically.

Glassford coached Omaha center Tom Novak to an All-America season in 1949 followed by Grand Island tailback Bobby Reynolds' All-America season in 1950.

Consensus thinking among knowledgeable Husker fans: A couple of the best ever at Nebraska.

Glassford on Novak: "The toughest guy I've ever seen. He'd go nose to nose with anyone and take him down."

Glassford on Reynolds: "Bobby Reynolds was like velvet. He was a smooth running kid. He could throw, he could kick he could do anything."



**BILL GLASSFORD**

A third Glassford All-America came along in tackle Jerry Minnick of Cambridge in 1952

Toogood at just 6-feet tall and about 230 pounds was one of the biggest guys on that 1950 team, and at offensive tackle was the guy who led the way for many of Reynolds' spectacular jaunts down field that season.

Fran Nagle was the ramrod at quarterback in 1950 and John Bordogna took over in 1951 through 1953.

It was when I called John to talk to him about Coach that he brought up the "Curtis experience."

Nobody seemed to know why Coach Glassford chose the sleepy little central Nebraska village of Curtis, population about 850, for summer workouts for his football team.

Bordogna confirmed that life in Curtis when it came to football practice there could be dismal.

"At Curtis it was strange for a lot of reasons", Bordogna said. "We were running around in 110-degree heat and climbed a ladder in the open pavilion where we had a lot of Army cots for sleeping

Toogood and Britt continued as friends of mine later in life. Toogood went on to play seven seasons in the NFL for the Los Angeles Rams and returned to North Platte several times in the fall to hunt pheasants.

He'd occasionally stop in to see me at our Touchdown Club Lounge and we had a number of conversations about the good old days. Ted Britt lived in an apartment just a block away from the Touchdown Club in his later years so I'd see him occasionally also

Charlie described the Curtis experience as stifling and difficult. He said his guess was that Coach Glassford just wanted to get the guys out of Lincoln to keep their minds on football and off of the fun and other distractions of Lincoln.

Coach felt Camp Curtis paid off for him in 1950 but Reynolds All-America season probably had more to do with it than Camp Curtis.

I spoke with Coach Glassford on the phone a couple years ago around the time of his 100th birthday and he was planning a cruise through the Panama Canal with his 93-year-old neighbor, Annette Rick with whom he had "a loving relationship" but had to cancel the trip because of Annette's health issues. Annette said they had "a late in life romance."

"Coach is a remarkable man." she said.

Yes, Coach was a remarkable man!

# Omaha star chose Huskers over Sooners

## I-back Leodis Flowers became part of the Omaha Central pipeline



**Story By Shane G. Gilster**  
**Photos courtesy of NU Media Relations**

For two decades – 1980s and 1990s – Omaha Central High was known as “I-Back High.”

The school developed a pipeline that kept supplying the Nebraska football team with all-conference running backs.

Keith Jones, Calvin Jones and Ahman Green were among the great backs who kept the Big Red machine running. But there was one player that some people may have forgotten, who was just as talented and highly recruited as those better-known players.

“I didn’t feel the pressure of living up to any expectations as a running back at Omaha Central,” said Leodis Flowers, who played for the Huskers from 1988-90. “My running style at times was explosive. My coach William Reed called me a ‘mudder,’ when other people were falling down, I was still standing up.”

At 5-11 and weighing 195 pounds with a 4.5 second 40-yard dash, Flowers had the makings of a great college running back. After rushing for about 1,800 yards as a junior, he led Class A in rushing with 1,203 yards as a senior, scoring 19 touchdowns. He hurt his ankle, thus missing two full games and half of two others; otherwise, his senior rushing totals would have been even more impressive.

Regardless, Flowers garnered regional and national honors, including All-American recognition from *Parade Magazine*, Bally, the *Chicago Tribune* and Adidas in 1986. He also was the Gatorade regional player of the year and was listed among *USA Today*’s Top 100 high school players.

Colleges coaches flocked to Omaha, and Flowers began to receive letters before his senior season. Luckily, he had help from his high school football coach to help narrow down his list of suitors to Nebraska, Oklahoma, Iowa and Texas A&M.

“Most of the time I was shielded by my high



**Former Nebraska running back Leodis Flower stretches for the pylon.**

school coach, who would do a lot of the talking to the colleges that were recruiting me. I didn’t have the pressure recruits have now,” Flowers said. “Nebraska was one of the big recruiters of me along with Coach (Hayden) Fry of Iowa and most of the Big 8 schools. The recruiting process was very new to me and my family. I was 17 years old and it was overwhelming at times, but it also gave me a sense of pride that all these colleges are taking notice of your talents.”

Besides Nebraska and Iowa, Oklahoma recruited Flowers very heavily. In fact, head coach Barry Switzer made Flowers a priority as his top running back target that year. Switzer’s comments during a news conference in Omaha before a visit with Flowers made it known just how much he and the Sooners wanted the Omaha Central star.

“Leodis is a difference-maker. We need running backs. We’re going all over the country in search of one, and here’s one in the Big Eight territory. If he goes to Oklahoma, he could probably play for us next year. He’d probably be a second-team player as a freshman,” Switzer said.

Those quotes appeared in the *Houston Chronicle*, February 1987. Those comments were later reported as a possible NCAA violation.

tion.

“I remember Barry Switzer coming to my house with a TV that had a VHS built in it to show a highlight tape of Oklahoma football. He laid on my parent’s floor while we watched the highlights,” Flowers said. “It was his first attempt to even recruit a player from Nebraska, so I was the first one. He [Switzer] saw a fit with what he was doing at Oklahoma, in me.”

Even though Flowers’s high school team ran an I-formation, he was intrigued by the Sooners and their Wishbone offense.

“With Oklahoma running a Wishbone offense, it had no affect on my decision because a lot of times what they did depended on what the defensive end did,” Flowers said. “So a lot of times the defensive end would take the quarterback and the pitch would go to the running back. I watched Oklahoma games, and the running back would get the ball 20-25 times a game, and in high school I was averaging that many carries. For the type of offense that they were running, I thought I would be a good fit and I liked their tradition.”

Another school whose tradition Flowers liked was Texas A&M, with head coach Jackie Sherrill. They had that 12th Man, which was distinctive to Flowers, and he had watched them on TV.

"I [had] really never been out of the state of Nebraska before, so it was surreal to me," Flowers said of his A&M trip. "I had never flown on a two-propeller plane before and it was just me and the pilot. I didn't think I was going to make it to College Station."

The last school Flowers considered was the University of Iowa. The Hawkeyes were one of the top schools in the country in the mid-'80s, with head coach Hayden Fry.

"Coach Fry came to one of my high school basketball games. I looked out into the stands and saw him and Coach (Tom) Osborne sitting next to each other," Flowers remembered. "The main recruiter from Iowa though was Bill Snyder (current Kansas State head coach). He was laid-back and put me at ease. Iowa had one of the better facilities I had seen on my recruiting trips, but on my trip I didn't feel that Iowa was the place for me."

So it came down to the Huskers and Sooners for Flowers. Even though he was from Nebraska, it wasn't a given he would go to Lincoln.

"Since I was born and raised in Nebraska, was it a sense of loyalty, did I have to go to Nebraska because I was from here? I kind of wanted to venture out and see some other places before deciding on which college to go to," Flowers said.

Flowers said he didn't feel pressure to go to Nebraska from his family and friends. It was a big decision for a 17-year-old to make and leave home. His mom and dad told him to go where he felt was right in his heart.

"I decided on Nebraska about a month before signing day. If Nebraska wasn't my home-state school, I would have chose Oklahoma," Flowers stated. "I didn't want the pressure of staying in-state and being under the microscope, but being close to home to my family ultimately won out. I felt I still needed to be close to home and close to my family in case something went wrong and would happen to me. If I was way out of state, it would be hard for my family to get to me."

So, much to the delight of the NU coaching staff and Husker fans, Flowers signed on with Nebraska and was projected to be the next great Husker I-back. Flowers also had big expectations and likened himself to some of the great running backs in college football.

"I had more of an Emmitt Smith running style," Flowers said. "He came out a year before me, so I got a chance to see him at Florida. But I also watched the Nebraska I-backs like Mike Rozier and Doug DuBose, who was one of my favorite players."

Flowers's recruiting class was highly ranked nationally, and included wingback Nate Turner and quarterback Mickey Joseph. Turner compared himself, Joseph and Flowers to the second-coming of "The Triplets," which featured

Husker greats Turner Gill, Mike Rozier and Irving Fryar.

The class also had another I-back in fellow Omaha product George Achola, an I-back from Creighton Prep. But competition at I-back didn't discourage Flowers.

"Nebraska had Johnny Rodgers's son Terry Rodgers at I-back, but I just figured if I went down there and did what I had to do, either I was going to play (at running back) or they were going to find a place (position) for me to play," Flowers said.

But I-back was his position of choice, and that is where he stayed. Flowers didn't get a chance to showcase his talents as a true freshman, like Switzer said he would if he went to Oklahoma. Flowers hurt his knee in track doing the long jump, so he redshirted as a freshman in 1987.

Then, in 1988 as a redshirt freshman, Flowers was the third-string I-back behind Ken Clark and Tyreese Knox. He rushed for 202 yards on 32 carries, scoring two touchdowns in eight games. Not huge numbers, but with the amount of talent Nebraska always had stockpiled at I-back, it wasn't a bad first year coming off a redshirt.

As a sophomore, Flowers began to show why he was so highly recruited in high school. Behind Heisman Trophy candidate and All-Big Eight running back Clark, Flowers played in all eleven games and was the third-leading rusher with 493 yards and seven touchdowns on 66 carries. Subbing for an injured Clark, Flowers started against Iowa State and ran for 118 yards on 16 carries. He led the Huskers in kickoff return yards with 180, averaging 20.0 on nine returns.

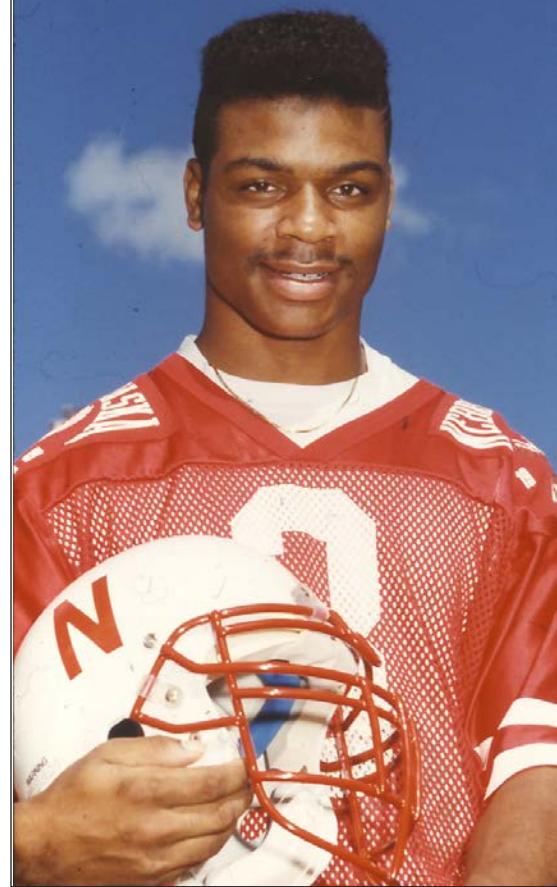
The 1990 season was supposed to be Flowers' year to bloom. He had the starting job to himself entering the season and was poised to finally live up to the expectations Husker fans were waiting for since he chose Nebraska over the Sooners.

But Flowers didn't quite get there. He had a solid season, starting eight of 11 games and rushing for 940 yards on 149 attempts, and scored nine touchdowns. He was third in the Big Eight in rushing and ranked 15th in the nation.

His best stretch that junior season was when rushed for more than 100 yards in six-straight games, including his career-best 208 yards, which included a 70-yard touchdown run, against Iowa State.

Then, after the Florida Citrus Bowl in which he carried the ball just once for four yards, Flowers abruptly left the team before his senior year.

"I just didn't want to play anymore, I lost my passion for playing football," he said. "I also had issues off the field which were affecting my play on the field. I am more of a laid-back



Above: Leodis Flowers played for the Huskers at running back from 1988 to 1990 before abruptly quitting before his senior season. He was one of the top recruits to ever come out of Omaha.

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loner type, and I don't talk to a lot of people if something is going on. I just felt that the only people I could really talk to were my parents. At Nebraska, I didn't reach my full potential, and mostly in part that was due to me not being mature enough."

# Hitting the Course

## NU freshman Kate Smith makes immediate impact

Story by Kevin Houck • Photo Courtesy NU Media Relations

**F**reshman golfer Kate Smith came to Nebraska with quite the rap sheet which led to high expectations.

The winner of 2016 Minnesota Ms. Golf Award won the Class 2A state title for five consecutive seasons dating back to eighth grade. She is the only golfer in Minnesota girls' history to win five state titles.

Smith enters the Huskers program at the right time. The Huskers lost three seniors from last year.

With Smith and three other newcomers this season, head coach Robin Krapfl is quickly trying to groom the young talent she has.

"Last year was a piece of cake because we had such an experienced team with three great senior leaders that knew the routine and what to work on," Krapfl said. "So yes, we are definitely more involved in practice with four freshman, but they have all been great. They work hard and want to get better and they understand their own games. The upperclassmen have done a great job of making the freshman a part of the team and helping them transition to the life of a student athlete."

Krapfl was leaning on sophomore Haley Thiele to be the Huskers No.1 golfer but Thiele is redshirting because of a wrist injury.

"Obviously we would have loved to have Haley Thiele available this season to be that No. 1 player and take some of the pressure off Kate, but I have every confidence in the world that Kate will be able to handle playing at the top of the line-up," Krapfl said. "Kate still has things to learn that will make her an even better player, some mental and some physical."

Now the Huskers are leaning on Smith to carry the Huskers as their No. 1 golfer this season. Smith admitted she was counting on Theile to carry the spot but took the news as a challenge.

"Coach told us we all needed to step



up and I took that personally," Smith said. "Typically, going into college I was hoping to shoot around par, especially with spot I qualified in. That wasn't going to be good enough for our team. I had to go lower and that's what I've been working on."

Now that she's in college, what she did in high school doesn't matter. She's at the bottom of the totem pole against her competition with no advantage.

Each outing not only will she be going against the best competition but that competition has a leg up playing at those courses before. Smith said she actually prefers that kind of disadvantage.

"I'm playing with juniors and seniors who not only have played the courses but also have been around the block but honestly I am the type of person who does really well when I am not familiar with the course," Smith said. "I find it a lot of fun. I think it's more exciting to play a course you haven't played on. You have less expectation for it."

This opportunity to be the No. 1 golfer is one of the reasons why Smith chose the Huskers. Through the first two tour-

naments of the season Smith has held her own. She has placed in the top 15 in all of her tournaments to start her Husker career.

"I just wanted to make sure I went to a program I could contribute to right away," Smith said. "Obviously the start I have had this year has exceeded my expectation so far."

Smith managed a 74 on Sept. 27 to finish with a three-round total of 221 to tie for eighth individually at the Nebraska women's golf team's Chip-N Club Invitational at Wilderness Ridge Golf Course.

Smith closed the three-day, 54-hole tournament at 221 (77-70-74) to lead Nebraska to a tie for fourth (314-293-299-906) in the 11-team tournament field on the par-72, 6,276-yard layout at Wilderness Ridge. It was Smith's third consecutive top-15 finish to open her young career at Nebraska.

"I think she has already cleared the biggest hurdle and that is understanding and believing she can compete at the top of the leaderboard," Krapfl said.

# Nebraska uses big second half to defeat Illini

Courtesy NU Media Relations • Photo by Mitch Otto

Tied 0-0 at halftime, the Nebraska soccer team (10-5-1, 4-3-1 Big Ten) scored twice in the second half to take down Illinois (5-10-1, 2-5-1 Big Ten) at Barbara Hibner Stadium on Oct. 13.

Senior Jaycie Johnson put NU up 1-0 in the 65th minute with her 10th goal of the season. The goal also marked the 41st of her career, which puts her in a tie for seventh in program history. It was Johnson's 16th career game-winning goal, the second-most in program history. Johnson has scored 10 goals in her last 11 games after not scoring in her first five games this season.

Junior Haley Hanson scored in the 79th minute off an assist from Meg Brandt to give the Huskers a 2-0 edge. The goal marked Hanson's seventh of the season. She has scored nine goals in her last 18 games, dating back to last season, after scoring once in her first 32 career games.

The Huskers outshot the Fighting Illini, 14-4, including a 7-0 advantage in shots on goal. NU also took seven corner kicks, compared to Illinois' two. Freshman goalkeeper Aubrei Corder earned her sixth shutout of the 2016 campaign.



HALEY HANSON

## 2016 Women's Soccer Schedule

8-19 Marquette	W 2-1
8-22 @ BYU	W, 1-0
8-26 @ Oregon	L, 1-0
8-28 @ Oregon State	W, 2-1
9-2 Kansas	W, 1-0
9-4 Saint Louis	W, 2-1
9-9 Dayton	W, 3-1
9-11 @ Clemson	L, 5-2
9-16 Michigan State	W, 2-0
9-18 Michigan	L, 2-1
9-23 @ Ohio State	W, 3-0
9-25 @ Penn State	L, 2-1
9-30 Indiana	W, 1-0
10-6 @ Wisconsin	T, 1-1
10-9 @ Minnesota	L, 3-0
10-13 Illinois	W, 2-0
10-16 Northwestern	T, 0-0
10-22 @ Rutgers	
10-26 Iowa	
10-30 Big Ten Tournament	
11-4 Big Ten Tournament	
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# FINDING A HOME

## Amber Rolfzen has learned to love her middle blocker role for Huskers

Story by Bob Hamar • Portrait Photo by Mitch Otto, Action photos by Reggie Ryder

Amber Rolfzen and her twin sister Kadie committed to Nebraska when they were in eighth grade, before they had even begun their high school volleyball careers at Papillion-La Vista South High School.

“Can’t beat 45 minutes down the road,” Amber said.

And now, the Rolfzens are seniors as they head into the final two months of their college careers.

“It also feels like I just got here,” Amber said. “It’s really fun to come and play in Devaney every day, be with our fans, get to play for Nebraska. I wouldn’t trade it for anything.”

She wouldn’t change her position at middle blocker either. After spending the first two years of her career as a rightside hitter, she now knows middle blocker is where she should be.

Amber Rolfzen started 32 of 34 matches as a freshman and recorded 244 kills. The next season she started all 33 matches for the Huskers and had 246 kills.

So Nebraska coach John Cook moved her to middle blocker.

“I just think, and I’ve thought this since day one, Amber’s best position is in the middle,” Cook said before the 2015 season. “I’m going to leave it at that. We’ll see what plays out, but I think that’s always been her best position.”

Cook was right. Rolfzen went on to lead the Big Ten and finished fourth nationally with 1.58 blocks per set, the best block average for the Huskers since Melissa Elmer set a school record of 2.17 in 2005.

Rolfzen hit .358 for the season with 264 kills last season. Her .372 in conference matches was the fourth best in the Big Ten for the second-team AVCA All-American.

Rolfzen had her doubts about moving to the middle.

“Coach kept asking me since I got on campus to move to middle,” Rolfzen said. “I finally gave in, and I

learned to love it because there are a lot of my strengths that can be utilized in the middle and I didn’t really think that would happen. But it’s just been a good transition.”

Cook never had any doubts himself.

“It was an easy decision for us because she’s such a great blocker, and she led the conference in blocking, and I’m not surprised by that,” Cook said.

Cook said hitting percentage is always important for a middle. He said a middle needs to be at .350 or better to be All-Big Ten with at least three blocks per match. Rolfzen was a little lower in hitting percentage at .312 as of Oct. 13, but she was way ahead of the block total with 74 in 15 matches.

Rolfzen showed what she could do with nine total blocks in a 3-0 win over Purdue on Oct. 9.

“Where we got a lot of blocks is Amber was really good on their middles,” Cook said. “They run so fast you have to be really quick and in the right spot and we got a lot of blocks doing that.”

“...But Amber, nine blocks in a three-game match is pretty darn good.”

Rolfzen said the Huskers had a good game plan against the Boilermakers.

“They hit very high,” Rolfzen said. “I think blocking-wise it was just to stay low and to not just go high because it’s really easy for a hitter to tool a block that way.”

It seems as if Rolfzen knows all the middle blocker tricks now.

Well, maybe not all of them. There is always room for improvement.

“We go in every day trying to get one percent better, as some people say,” Rolfzen said. “I think all of us are improving all the time. We just work on a lot of different things every day in order to get better and better.”

**“Coach kept asking me since I got on campus to move to middle. I finally gave in, and I learned to love it because there are a lot of my strengths that can be utilized in the middle and I didn’t really think that would happen. But it’s just been a good transition.”**

**Nebraska volleyball player Amber Rolfzen**





Above: Amber Rolfzen makes a block attempt against Ohio State earlier this season.  
Below: Rolfzen also has provided offense from her middle blocker position.



## 2016 Schedule

### VERT Challenge at Eugene, Oregon

Aug. 26	Florida	W, 3-0
Aug. 27	Texas	W, 3-0

### Nebraska Invite at Lincoln, Nebraska

Sept. 2	Iowa State	W, 3-0
Sept. 3	Oregon State	W, 3-0

### Lobo Classic at Albuquerque, N.M.

Sept. 8	Montreal (Exh.)	W, 3-0
Sept. 9	Arkansas	W, 3-0
Sept. 10	New Mexico	W, 3-0

### Ameritas Challenge at Devaney Center

Sept. 16	Montana State	W, 3-0
Sept. 16	Gonzaga	W, 3-0
Sept. 17	Creighton	W, 3-1

Sept. 23 at Michigan W, 3-0

Sept. 24 at Mich. State W, 3-2

Sept. 28 at Illinois W, 3-0

Oct. 1 Ohio State L, 3-1

Oct. 7 Indiana W, 3-0

Oct. 9 Purdue W, 3-0

Oct. 14 at Ohio State W, 3-1

Oct. 16 at Maryland W, 3-0

Oct. 21 Wisconsin 8 p.m.

Oct. 23 Minnesota 1 p.m.

Oct. 28 Illinois 6 p.m.

Oct. 29 Northwestern 7 p.m.

Nov. 4 at Penn State 7 p.m.

Nov. 5 at Rutgers 6 p.m.

Nov. 9 Iowa 6 p.m.

Nov. 12 at Indiana 6 p.m.

Nov. 16 Penn State 7 p.m.

Nov. 19 at Iowa 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 23 at Minnesota 8 p.m.

Nov. 26 Michigan 7 p.m.

Dec. 1-3 NCAA 1st, 2nd Rds TBD

Dec. 9-10 NCAA Regionals - TBD

Dec. 15 NCAA Semis at Columbus,

Dec. 17 NCAA Finals at Columbus

# DREAMING BIGGER

# NEBRASKA VOLLEYBALL NOTEBOOK

*Compiled by Bob Hamar • Photo by Reggie Ryder*

## HUSKER BLOCK IMPROVING

Through part of last season, the Nebraska volleyball team struggled with its blocking. That's not unusual, Husker head coach John Cook said.

"You're always right on the edge of being a great blocking team, a good blocking team, or a poor blocking team," Cook said. "It's a very fine line. That's why we work on it every day."

The Huskers ended up being a great blocking team at the end of last season when they won the school's fourth national title and the third for Cook. Senior middle blocker Amber Rolfzen is back as one of the top blockers in the nation, but the Huskers are working on some other positions.

Cook said Briana Holman and Andie Malloy, both in their first season of play for the Huskers after transferring, have the farthest to go along with backup outside hitter Olivia Boender.

"It's always a work in progress and I think we're getting better," Cook said. "The main ones who are getting better are Bri and Andie and Olivia. Those three have the most improvement to make, but again, blocking is a team deal."

Cook saw that Oct. 9 when the Huskers had 11 blocks in a three-set win over Purdue, including one solo and eight assists by Rolfzen.

Cook said the block was set up by the Husker serving game.

"We were really good serve, block and defense," Cook said. "We held Purdue to .031. We held Indiana to (.052) or something like that. I think defensively we were dialed in. Our block was good. We were serving tough. That was probably the biggest jump from what we did (from the week before)."

The Huskers also saw two different types of attacks that weekend. The Hoosiers ran a fast offense while Purdue just tried to hit over the blockers.

"That's what was really good about Indiana. They were very fast," Cook said. "They ran a very fast offense, so they were trying to get us to be undisciplined and we actually did a really good job of being disciplined. And then Purdue just throws it up and says, 'Stop us.' We were pretty good against that."

## HUNTER ATTACKS

Nebraska junior setter Kelly Hunter is also good as an attacker. As of Oct. 14, she was hitting .454 with 53 kills in 50 sets. That put her right on schedule to have a kill for every set played.

Hunter had four kills in three sets Oct. 9 against Purdue.

"It's very frustrating for a team when she throws those things down," Cook said. "You have to commit a blocker to her to stop her."

Hunter said she understands the value she can provide as an attacker.

"Coach always says when I'm in the front row I need to be another hitter just to give them something to think about," Hunter said. "So obviously if I'm able to get kills, that holds up a blocker and everyone else is one-on-one. That's always good."

## MIDDLE ATTACK

The Huskers' middle attack isn't yet where Cook would like to see it. Amber Rolfzen was hitting .312 and Holman .353 as of Oct. 13.

But a lot has to go right to set the middles.

If things don't go perfectly, Hunter is more likely to send the set outside to Malloy or Mikaela Foecke.

Cook compared the middle attackers to receivers in football.

"They got to run good routes," Cook said. "It's no different from a wide receiver. They have to run good routes so the quarterback knows where they're going to be. They run good routes, Kelly will get them the ball. When they don't run good routes, that's when we make mistakes."

## MATCHES MORE IMPORTANT

As the Big Ten season progresses, so does the importance of the matches.

"As each week goes, the matches get bigger and more important if we're trying to win a Big Ten championship," Cook said.

And the Huskers want to be in the hunt, both for a Big Ten title and a national championship.

"The key is who can be consistent and find ways to win close matches," Cook said. "That will be our challenge. We know we're going to be in close matches. We have to find a way to win them."



Ali Malloy makes an attack versus Indiana.

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# TENOPIR WOULD HAVE LIKED LINE PLAY LATE IN THE ILLINOIS VICTORY

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His welcome tag was there on Saturday, as was a bouquet of flowers and a book for people to sign, but not Tenopir, who passed away on Monday after a long battle with leukemia.

"Milt Tenopir was a great man and it was a blessing for our staff to get to know him over the past couple years," Nebraska head coach Mike Riley said. "He will be truly missed but the impact he left will always be remembered. Milt will forever be a Husker."

Last week, Tenopir, who retired from NU's coach staff in 2003 due to health reasons, had attended a Nebraska practice in his wheelchair and greeted many of the Husker players after the practice ended.

His sudden death a few days later was another tough loss for NU players, who lost teammate Sam Foltz before the season started.

Tenopir, who coached for 41 years, including 29 under Tom Osborne, would have been proud of Nebraska's offensive line play, especially late in the third quarter and in the fourth quarter of Saturday's 31-16 victory over Illinois. During that time period Nebraska strung together a 10:42 scoring drive and a 5:49 scoring drive along with a 63-yard touchdown run.

Wearing opposing teams down in the fourth quarter was one of the things that Tenopir's offensive lines took great pride in doing during his long career at Nebraska that saw Husker teams he assisted with go 295-63-2.

On Saturday, Nebraska's 18-play, 75-yard drive that was capped off by a three-yard touchdown run from Terrell Newby gave NU the lead for good at 17-16 with



11:58 left in the fourth quarter. The drive featured 15 rushing plays.

The Huskers followed that drive up with an 11-play, 59-yard drive that included nine rushing plays.

Sensing that they were wearing down the Fighting Illini defense, the offensive line opened up a gaping hole on the next drive that Newby hit for a 63-yard touchdown run to put the game out of reach at 31-16 with 2:03 left.

These drives followed a big drive to open the game. After receiving the kickoff, Nebraska went 75 yards on 13 plays. At the time, this had tied NU's longest drive of the season in terms of plays. The Huskers capped the 6:37 scoring drive with a Tommy Armstrong Jr. one-yard run, which was the ninth running play of the drive.

Nebraska then went quiet offensively for nearly two and a half quarters as turnovers, penalties and missed opportunities ended drives.

I missed hearing Tenopir and the other coaches a row behind me discussing what they were seeing.

It will be nearly three weeks before Nebraska returns to Memorial Stadium for its next home game against Purdue on Oct. 22, but I know Tenopir will also have a place in Nebraska fans' hearts.

The signed memory book was to delivered to the Tenopir family at his Celebration of Life service Sunday in the West Stadium Club.

Another person absent from Saturday's Illinois game was former Nebraska coach Bill Glassford, who had coached NU to a 31-35-3 record from 1949 to 1955.

Glassford had wanted to attend Saturday's game with his son, Gary Glassford, but he passed away from natural causes in Arizona on Sept. 19 at the age of 102 years old. When Glassford resigned from Nebraska in 1955, he never went back into coaching, maybe a reason for his long lifespan, however he always remained a Husker fan.

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### ON THE COVER

Nebraska senior running back Terrell Newby had a huge fourth quarter for the Huskers, carrying 16 times for 113 yards and two touchdowns. He is shown at the beginning of breaking away from the Illinois defenders on his 63-yard touchdown run late in the game that sealed the victory. His 140-yard performance was the second-most of his career and needed by NU since running backs Devine Ozigbo and Mikale Wilbon and several other key players were out with injuries.

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# RECRUITING NOTEBOOK

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## Nebraska coaches will be busy recruiting during bye week



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Trajon Cotton and other Nebraska recruits enjoyed their visit for the Oregon game.

Nebraska heads into the bye week a perfect 5-0 and rolling both on the field and off of it with strong recruiting.

The Huskers added a commitment after the Oregon game in Deiontae Watts and have already hosted 26 official visitors this season through four home games. To put that number in perspective the Huskers hosted 39 official visitors total all of the 2016 cycle. In the 2015 cycle it was just 42. Nebraska could shatter those numbers and finish with 50-plus official visitors this season, with the great majority coming for home games.

Despite the fact the Huskers have a bye week, recruiting won't slow down at all. Defensive coordinator Mark Bunker said the entire staff is going to be on the road, including coordinators.

"We'll be out," he said.

"We're all leaving out of here on Thursday and get on the road Friday and Saturday."

Getting the coordinators on the road is important for the Huskers. Unlike in December and January, NU can't go in-home but are able to stop by schools or visit for games.

This period of time could also be very important for offensive coordinator Danny Langsdorf to make connections and start the process of recruiting ahead in 2018.

Langsdorf admitted it's hard to balance the game planning with the recruiting, but feels it's equally as important to utilize any time he can to go out and spread the word about Nebraska.

"It's a time management deal," he said. "I think that recruiting is a huge part of it. Especially on a bye. We need to spend some time making sure

we're in touch with guys and going and seeing them. We still also have to make sure we're getting ready to play our next game, so it's absolutely a time management issue."

While Langsdorf might be able to look ahead at 2018, Nebraska still has plenty of needs in the 2017 class and it could be a big week for several recruiters like Reggie Davis and Brian Stewart. Both position coaches are still working on commitments for players at their respective groups. Currently the Huskers hold zero commitments at defensive back and running back.

Davis could spend time in a couple different places, going out to watch running back Alaric Williams in Alabama and he'll likely try to convince top targets like Eno Benjamin and Stephen Carr to consider using an official visit to see

Nebraska.

While Davis appears to be chasing guys committed elsewhere, Stewart will have a little bit easier go of it as he is likely heading out to California where he could drop by and see guys like Thomas Graham and Jaylon Redd, two four-star defensive backs who visited Nebraska for the Fresno State game. Stewart could also swing by Calabasas to speak with coaches, as both 2017 five-star Darnay Holmes and 2018 four-star Brendan Radley-Hiles attend the school, as well as Nebraska commits Keyshawn Johnson and Tristan Gebbia.

Regardless where individual coaches go, expect there to be a flurry of activity, because even though the Huskers have off on the schedule, coaches will stay busy with recruiting.

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BY MICHAEL BRUNTZ

# STATE OF THE HUSKERS

## Nebraska keeps dominating the fourth quarter



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Already this season Nebraska has faced enough adversity and noise off the field to last a generation, but on Saturday against Illinois, Nebraska faced a good amount of on-field adversity.

– The Huskers lost tight end Cethan Carter, wide receiver Jordan Westerkamp and running back Devine Ozigbo to injury in the game.

– Just two of the offensive linemen who started the season in Nebraska's top five played significant snaps in the game. Walk-on Cole Conrad came into the game to replace tackle David Knevel who has been battling an ankle injury for several weeks.

– Illinois, coming off a bye week, looked dialed in from a scheme point of view from the opening kickoff, throwing new wrinkles at the Huskers.

It added up to the kind of Big Ten contest that gives even the most positive Husker fan a pit in their stomach.

“Did you all stay around for the fourth quarter? It didn’t look like much up until then,” Nebraska head coach Mike Riley joked after the game. “I’m really proud of this team because it was also pretty obvious that (Illinois) had the edge early. They were on top of it earlier than we were, they were making more plays and they were tackling well and making us miss. There was a lot of hard stuff, but I’m really pleased with our ability to stay in it and then play better and make big plays to win the game. That’s great stuff. We obviously have a lot of work to do to improve those other things, but that part of it is a great quality to have.”

As the Huskers have done since July, the team answered the bell against Illinois. Trailing at halftime, Nebraska put together what might be one of the more impressive drives in recent memory – the kind of drive that was all grit, hard running mixed with a big play or two. Nebraska took over in its own territory and used 18 plays to march 75 yards and take a 17-16 lead on a Terrell Newby touchdown plunge.

The drive took 10:42 of actual time off the

clock, but with stoppages for reviews and injuries, the drive took nearly 40 minutes of actual time. The drive was blue collar. It was methodical. Newby converted a fourth down play in Illinois territory by a matter of inches and then carried the ball in a few plays later.

Nebraska’s defense forced a three-and-out on the ensuing possession, and the Huskers used 11 plays to march 59 yards and bleed almost six minutes off the clock. It wasn’t always pretty, but it was effective – the perfect approach when you’re missing key players and down a few linemen.

“I think that our team has made plays to win games, and I think the fourth quarter is when you’re doing that,” Riley said. “Like I said, I’m proud of that. Maybe whatever they did, and what our people did to condition them and to last and play. I don’t know if that’s a part of it, but it could be. I think the biggest part is the mental competitiveness. Keep your poise, keep playing, even though it wasn’t very pretty, and then make some plays to win the game. It was great.”

The turnaround through five games of the 2016 season has been pretty remarkable. Last year, Nebraska struggled to run the ball in key mo-

ments and put games out of reach. This year, Nebraska is out-scoring opponents 78-6 in the fourth quarter, and looks like a seasoned fighter scoring points against a tired opponent in the late round.

Newby was at his best Saturday against Illinois, finishing with 27 carries for 140 yards and two touchdowns. The senior was at his best in that fourth quarter, rushing for 113 yards in the fourth quarter. During the stretch in the fourth quarter where Nebraska put the game out of reach, Newby touched the ball on 16 of 18 plays, helping Nebraska pass yet another test.

“It was one of the things that we focused on all offseason was finishing,” senior safety Nate Gerry said. “Last year we lost six games or whatever it was to fourth quarter games, and it was just one of the things we have been focusing on in practice and throughout the offseason was just finishing.”



# 10 questions with Kevin Maurice

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**Q:** What is something you have learned outside of football in your four years here?

**A:** Probably the impact that we as athletes have on the community and how much of a major role we play in the community with different outreach events and stuff like that.

**Q:** You're from Orlando and there are a lot of things do there. What's the best thing you say there is to do in Orlando?

**A:** Disney World hands down without question.

**Q:** What restaurant do you miss most in Orlando that you can't get here?

**A:** Back home there's a BBQ spot that I think is probably the best. It's called Four Rivers Smokehouse. They're some Steak-N-Shakes back home too.

**Q:** You were wearing a NWO wrestling shirt after the Northwestern game? A few defensive linemen said they have them too. What's going on with that?

**A:** I am just a wrestling fan so I just wear the shirt. That's all it is. Just a wrestling fan that has a shirt (with a laugh).

**Q:** What is your biggest fear?

**A:** My biggest fear is failure. I never want to fail at anything.

**Q:** What's the best Halloween costume you've ever seen?

**A:** "I seen somebody try to be Eazy-E. He had the Afro and he had a full perm with everything like that. That's probably the most outrageous one I've seen."

**Q:** Do you like being home or is that something you've grown accustomed to?

**A:** Yea I kind of got accustomed to it. We live off campus now and I've got my own house now. I have kind of grown to be here. I miss home some but not how I used to when I was a freshman.

**Q:** Are winters still difficult for you?

**A:** I am still not accustomed to winters but I learned you have got to layer up and even when you layer up you're still going to be cold. You've just got to power through.

**Q:** If you were traveling to an island, would you take a boat or a plane?

**A:** I'd probably take a plane. I've never been on a boat and I've seen Titanic plenty of times so I don't want to play with anything like that."

**Q:** And when you arrive at that island, what three things would you pick to have with you?

**A:** My three things would be food, water and entertainment. You have to have entertainment.







Terrell Newby breaks through the Illinois defense on his 63-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

# Newby takes control for Huskers

## Senior rushes for 113 yards, two scores in fourth quarter

Story by Kevin Houck • Photos by Ken Juszyk and Reggie Ryder

In a game where Nebraska struggled for consistency through the first three quarters, the Huskers finally took possession of the game in the fourth quarter. Nebraska trailed 16-10 heading into the fourth quarter but the Huskers, who have now outscored their five opponents 78-6 in the fourth quarter this season, put up 21 points while blanking Illinois over the final 15 minutes to squeeze out a 31-16 victory Saturday.

The Husker offense relied on running back Terrell Newby in the fourth quarter. Newby had only 11 carries for 27 yards through three quarters until he went off for 16 carries for 113 yards and two touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

"I really have a lot of respect for what he did today," Nebraska head coach Mike Riley said. "We were down. Devine (Ozigbo) was out, (Mikale) Wilbon was hurting, it was pretty thin. He stayed up and played physically tough, took care of the football and made big plays. You have to give the line some credit there. We started making some hay on some of those zone runs that we had. So they're doing a good job there. I thought Newby was a real man today."

Nebraska received the ball to start the game and quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr. moved Nebraska's offense down the field at will. Armstrong capped off a 13-play, 75-yard drive with a one-yard quarterback keeper for the first points of the game.

After defensive end Freedom Akinmoladun sacked quarterback Wes Lunt to force a fourth down, Nebraska took over at its own 14-yard line.

The Huskers drove the ball to the Fighting Illini 29-yard line. That's when NU picked up two of its three penalties for the entire game on back-to-back plays.

A 21-yard pass to Newby was called back for illegal formation and on the next play a 14-yard reception was called back for offensive pass interference leading to a third and 25.

"There's going to be some holding calls, some pass interference, there's going to be some of that stuff in football in general," Riley said. "You want to hold those down, you don't want many. Three penalties is a far cry from where we were a year ago."

Westerkamp made a 10-yard catch but NU still faced a fourth and 15 from the 39-yard line. Riley opted to send kicker Drew Brown out for a 56-yard field attempt into the wind, but it fell short in the back of the endzone.

Illinois took over at its own 40-yard line and the Husker defense struggled to wrap up on the drive.

Two third-down conversions set up running back Kendrick Foster for a 31-yard rushing touchdown less than four minutes into the second quarter to tie the game at 7-7.

On the ensuing drive, the Huskers were effective in the screen game. A 21-yard reception to wide receiver Jordan Westerkamp and a 13-yard reception to running back Mikale Wilbon set Nebraska up at the Illinois 19-yard line. But after an incompletion on third and three, NU had to settle for another field goal attempt.

Brown knocked down a 29-yard field goal to put the Huskers up



### Terrell Newby fights across the goal line for the go-ahead three-yard touchdown run with 11:58 remaining in the game.

10-7 with 5:59 left in the second quarter.

On its ensuing drive, Illinois threatened inside the Huskers 10-yard line but the Fighting Illini settled for a 24-yard field goal to tie the game at 10-10 with 1:01 left in the first half.

The Husker offense tried to move quickly down the field before halftime.

But after a 28-yard completion to Westerkamp, Armstrong was picked off along the Illinois sideline by Darius Mosley, who returned the interception to the Husker 46-yard line with 28 seconds left in the first half.

Illinois capitalized on the turnover with a 43-yard field goal as time expired to head into halftime with a 13-10 lead.

After a three-and-out to start the second half, Illinois punted to De'Mornay Pierson-El with plenty of space in front of him. Pierson-El returned the punt 27 yards to the Illinois 29-yard line for the Huskers to take over.

On second and 13 from the Illinois 15-yard line, Wilbon fumbled and the ball was recovered by the Fighting Illini.

"The turnovers in general get you beat, and the turnovers when you have the chance to score just can be lethal," Riley said. "So it's always a big concern."

Illinois once again turned the turnover into points. A 33-yard field goal capped an 8-play, 74-yard drive to put Illinois up 16-10 with 7:40 left in the third quarter.

Nebraska responded with its longest drive of the season. After making two fourth-down conversions, Newby finished the drive with a three-yard rushing touchdown to put the Huskers up 17-16 with 11:58 left in the game. Nebraska's 18-play, 75-yard drive took

a total time of 10:42.

The Husker offense went back to work after a three-and-out by the Fighting Illini offense.

Nebraska put the ball in Newby's hands nine out of 10 plays on the drive to set up a six-yard touchdown reception by tight end Trey Foster with 4:32 remaining in the game.

On the next Illinois drive, the Illini gained nine yards on three plays and faced a fourth and 1 from their own 34-yard line. Head coach Lovie Smith decided to punt the ball with his team down eight points and with all three timeouts remaining.

Newby quickly let Illinois regret the decision. Newby took the second play of the Husker drive for a 63-yard touchdown to put the Huskers up 31-16 with just over two minutes remaining in the game.

"I mean, it was wide open," Newby said. "It was a great push up front. It starts with the o-line. I think they did a great job, especially with a lot of guys going down. I am real proud of them being able to go out there and show out. It started with them, and I was able to finish the run."

The Blackshirts stopped the Fighting Illini, who had 18 yards of total offense in the fourth quarter, on their next four plays to seal the victory.

"The first three quarters we saw some things we had not seen on film yet," Nebraska safety Nate Gerry said. "It was probably due to the bye week or whatnot, but we just saw some new things that we had to adjust to and make adjustments at halftime. The first couple quarters we could not tackle very well, giving up some weak yardage. Coming on toward the fourth quarter, we started making plays."



Nebraska's Tommy Armstrong Jr. gets bent awkwardly by Illinois' Chunky Clements, who was called for a horse collar tackle.

## Nebraska's 18-play drive seals the victory

STORY BY TERRY DOUGLASS | PHOTO BY MITCH OTTO

**C**ontrolling the clock finally paid off for Nebraska during a 31-16 Big Ten Conference victory over Illinois.

The Cornhuskers' 38:01-21:59 advantage in possession time was highlighted by an 18-play, 75-yard drive that started in the third quarter, spanned 10:42 and gave Nebraska the lead for good at 17-16 on I-back Terrell Newby's three-yard touchdown run with 11:58 to play.

Illinois had just 10 offensive snaps after pulling ahead 16-10 with 7:40 remaining in the third quarter.

"I think we wore on them," Nebraska offensive coordinator Danny Langsdorf said. "That was one thing: We kept staying with it."

Nebraska's 18-play drive – the program's longest in terms of plays since a

20-play drive in 2005 against Colorado and longest in terms of time of possession since at least 2000 – was aided by two Illinois penalties.

On a third-and-12 play, the Fighting Illini appeared to have Huskers' quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr. contained, but a 15-yard personal foul penalty for a horse-collar tackle on defensive tackle Chunky Clements gave NU a first down.

Later, on a fourth-and-4 play from the Illini 28-yard line, Illinois cornerback Darius Moseley was called for pass interference while attempting to defend Nebraska wide receiver Stanley Morgan Jr.

Still, the Huskers had to convert on fourth and 1 at the Illinois 3 on a 1-yard run by Newby that was reviewed by replay and upheld. Newby scored the tying

TD from three yards out on the next play and Drew Brown's point-after kick put Nebraska ahead 17-16.

Nebraska sophomore linebacker Dedrick Young said the Husker defense certainly enjoyed the breather provided by the offense in the second half. Illinois ran just 44 offensive plays compared to 72 for NU on the day.

"It's huge for us and it keeps us fresh and the offense is doing their thing, going down and scoring touchdowns," Young said. "It helps us, knowing our offense is taking up a lot of clock."

The 18-play drive, which lasted nearly 30 minutes in real time, was almost too long for Nebraska wide receiver Stanley Morgan Jr.

"I had to use the bathroom – it was long," Morgan said. "We just kept going down the field. That's the fight in us."

# Huskers rely on Newby in fourth quarter



**Terrell Newby crosses the goal line as the referee signals a touchdown following his 63-yard run.**

STORY BY TERRY DOUGLASS | PHOTO BY KEN JUSZYK

**R**emaining patient ultimately resulted in a big day for Nebraska senior I-back Terrell Newby against Illinois.

After gaining just 27 rushing yards on 11 carries through three quarters, Newby broke loose for 113 yards on 16 carries in the final 15 minutes as the Cornhuskers rallied for a 31-16 victory over Illinois. Newby, who handled the ball on 18 of Nebraska's final 21 offensive snaps, finished with 140 yards rushing and two touchdowns on 27 carries.

"(Newby) had a good feel – he didn't try to rush things, he had good patience and when he hit it, he hit it hard," Nebraska offensive coordinator Danny Langsdorf said. "Those were some big runs and they were

hard runs early. It was going to be the ones where we were going to get two and three yards and keep going on it and by the end of the fourth, we were getting five and six yards a carry."

Langsdorf said he figured running the ball would be difficult against Illinois' talent front seven. However, Nebraska's offensive line took over in the fourth quarter, Newby said.

"I think they started getting a lot of push. They started to wear those guys down," Newby said. "That's one of the things we take pride in. To see the defense getting tired, that's what we thrive on."

With Nebraska leading 24-16, Newby put the game away with a 63-yard touchdown run up the middle. The 5-foot-10 sen-

ior from Los Angeles recorded the second-best rushing game of his career with 27 attempts for 140 yards. Newby rushed for 198 yards on 28 carries last season against South Alabama.

"That was a little bit of a curveball they hadn't seen," Langsdorf said. "We had been running that out of a different formation and decided to try and spread it and got a good crease on it."

Despite struggling to find running room against the Fighting Illini in the first three quarters, Newby said he wasn't frustrated.

"That's one of the things we always say, 'Those short runs will start turning into long runs later on in the game,'" Newby said. "So we keep at it, keep at it. It was good that it paid off."

# Nebraska 31, Illinois 16

Oct. 1, 2016 at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Nebraska

Attendance: 90,374

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Illinois	0	13	3	0	16
Nebraska	7	3	0	21	31

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	08:23	NEB - Armstrong Jr. 1 yd run (Brown, Drew kick), 13-75 6:37	0 - 7
2nd	10:11	ILL - Foster,K. 31 yd run (McLaughlin,C. kick), 8-60 3:57	7 - 7
	05:59	NEB - Brown, Drew 29 yd field goal, 10-53 4:12	7 - 10
	01:01	ILL - McLaughlin,C. 24 yd field goal, 10-69 4:58	10 - 10
	00:00	ILL - McLaughlin,C. 43 yd field goal, 3-21 0:28	13 - 10
3rd	07:40	ILL - McLaughlin,C. 33 yd field goal, 8-74 3:45	16 - 10
4th	11:58	NEB - Newby, Terrell 3 yd run (Brown, Drew kick), 18-75 10:42	16 - 17
	04:32	NEB - Foster, Trey 6 yd pass from Armstrong Jr. (Brown, Drew kick), 11-59 5:49	16 - 24
	02:03	NEB - Newby, Terrell 63 yd run (Brown, Drew kick), 2-70 0:54	16 - 31



Trey Foster makes a touchdown catch in the fourth quarter to put Nebraska ahead 24-16.

## Team Statistics

	ILL	NEB
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	12	23
Rushing	4	9
Passing	7	12
Penalty	1	2
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>	124	203
Rushing Attempts	21	49
Average Per Rush	5.9	4.1
Rushing Touchdowns	1	3
Yards Gained Rushing	138	219
Yards Lost Rushing	14	16
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>	146	220
Completions-Attempts-Int	14-23-0	16-23-1
Average Per Attempt	6.3	9.6
Average Per Completion	10.4	13.8
Passing Touchdowns	0	1
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS</b>	270	423
Total offense plays	44	72
Average Gain Per Play	6.1	5.9
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties: Number-Yards	7-48	3-35
<b>PUNTS-YARDS</b>	4-166	0-0
Average Yards Per Punt	41.5	0.0
Net Yards Per Punt	31.0	0.0
Inside 20	1	0
50+ Yards	0	0
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair catch	1	0
<b>KICKOFFS-YARDS</b>	4-254	6-384
Average Yards Per Kickoff	63.5	64.0
Net Yards Per Kickoff	43.8	41.0
Touchbacks	1	4
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	3-42-0
Average Per Return	0.0	14.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	2-38-0	2-54-0
Average Per Return	19.0	27.0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	1-24-0	0-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	21:59	38:01
1st Quarter	3:34	11:26
2nd Quarter	9:23	5:37
3rd Quarter	5:01	9:59
4th Quarter	4:01	10:59
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 9	10 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	4-5
Touchdowns	0-2	3-5
Field goals	2-2	1-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	1-9
PAT Kicks	1-1	4-4
Field Goals	3-3	1-2
Points off turnovers	6	0

Above: Head coach Mike Riley visits with tight end Cethan Carter after he was forced out of the game with an elbow injury.

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Wide receiver Brandon Reilly drags an Illinois player with him on an end around run.

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Above: Jordan Westerkamp gets tackled after making a 10-yard catch. Right: Stanley Morgan Jr. makes a grab in front of two Illinois players. Mikale Wilbon runs with the ball after catching a screen pass.



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## Individual Statistics

### Illinois

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Corbin,Reggie	9	76	4	72	0	31	8.0
Foster,K.	7	46	0	46	1	31	6.6
Lunt,Wes	2	14	9	5	0	14	2.5
Vaughn,Ke'Shawn	1	1	0	1	0	1	1.0
Echard,Nathan	2	1	1	0	0	1	0.0
Totals	21	138	14	124	1	31	5.9

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Lunt,Wes	13-22-0	133	0	26	1
Crouch,Chayce	1-1-0	13	0	13	0
Totals	14-23-0	146	0	26	1

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Turner,Malik	5	57	0	25
Corbin,Reggie	3	18	0	11
Hardee,Justin	3	17	0	7
Grant,Zach	2	28	0	17
Echard,Nathan	1	26	0	26
Totals	14	146	0	26

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Frain,Ryan	4	166	41.5	44	1	0
Totals	4	166	41.5	44	1	0

Returns	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Mosely,Darius	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	24	24
Foster,K.	0	0	0	1	25	25	0	0	0
Vaughn,Ke'Shawn	0	0	0	1	13	13	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	2	38	25	1	24	24

Field goals	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
McLaughlin,C.	2nd	01:01	24 yards	Good
McLaughlin,C.	2nd	00:00	43 yards	Good
McLaughlin,C.	3rd	07:40	33 yards	Good

Kickoffs	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
McLaughlin,C.	4	254	63.5	1	1

All-purpose	Run	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Corbin,Reggie	72	18	0	0	0	90
Foster,K.	46	0	25	0	0	71
Turner,Malik	0	57	0	0	0	57
Grant,Zach	0	28	0	0	0	28

### Nebraska

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Newby, Terrell	27	143	3	140	2	63	5.2
Ozigbo, Devine	10	35	0	35	0	7	3.5
Armstrong Jr.	8	23	11	12	1	13	1.5
Reilly, Brandon	1	11	0	11	0	11	11.0
Pierson-El, D.	1	4	0	4	0	4	4.0
Wilbon, Mikale	1	3	0	3	0	3	3.0
TEAM	1	0	2	-2	0	0	-2.0
Totals	49	219	16	203	3	63	4.1

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Armstrong Jr.	16-23-1	220	1	37	0
Totals	16-23-1	220	1	37	0

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Westerkamp, J.	4	65	0	28
Morgan Jr., S.	3	39	0	18
Newby, Terrell	2	26	0	21
Ozigbo, Devine	1	37	0	37
Wilbon, Mikale	1	13	0	13
Cotton, Sam	1	12	0	12
Reilly, Brandon	1	10	0	10
Pierson-El, D.	1	10	0	10
Foster, Trey	1	6	1	6
Carter, Cethan	1	2	0	2
Totals	16	220	1	37

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Totals	0	0	0.0	0	0	0

Returns	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Pierson-El, D.	3	42	27	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bryant, Tre	0	0	0	1	30	30	0	0	0
Nelson, Jordan	0	0	0	1	24	24	0	0	0
Totals	3	42	27	2	54	30	0	0	0

Field goals	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Brown, Drew	2nd	14:08	56 yards	Missed
Brown, Drew	2nd	05:59	29 yards	Good

Kickoffs	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Brown, Drew	6	384	64.0	4	0

All-purpose	Run	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Newby, Terrell	140	26	0	0	0	166
Ozigbo, Devine	35	37	0	0	0	72
Westerkamp, J.	0	65	0	0	0	65
Pierson-El, D.	4	10	0	42	0	56



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Left: Freedom Akinmoladun sacks Illinois quarterback West Lunt. Above: Nathan Gerry tackles Illinois running back Reggie Corbin.

## Defensive Statistics

#	Illinois	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
21	Nelson,Patrick	4	12	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Nickerson,Hardy	3	7	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
33	Watson,Tre	3	7	10	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
91	Smoot,Dawuane	4	4	8	-	2-3	-	-	-	-	-	1
11	Clements,C.	2	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Jones,Julian	2	4	6	-	2-2	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Barton,Taylor	0	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	Mosely,Darius	2	2	4	-	-	-	-	1-24	-	-	-
6	Phillips,C.	1	3	4	-	1-3	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Dunlap,Jaylen	3	0	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
55	Milan,Jamal	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	James,Chris	2	0	2	-	1-6	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	Hylton,Julian	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31	Watkins,Cameron	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	President,Gimel	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
95	Jackson,Kenyon	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
94	Odenigbo, Tito	0	2	2	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Bain,Rob	1	0	1	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-
35	Hansen,Jake	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Crawford,James	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
74	Brennan,Connor	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals		32	60	92	0.0-0	7-14	1	1-0	1-24	1	0	2

#	Nebraska	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
5	Young II, D.	2	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
1A	Rose-Ivey, M.	1	5	6	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Gerry, Nathan	3	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Kalu, Joshua	3	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
88	Dzuris, Ross	2	1	3	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	Williams, Aaron	0	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
26	Williams, K.	0	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8A	Jones, Chris	2	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	Maurice, Kevin	1	1	2	-	1-2	-	-	-	-	-	1
16	Reed, Antonio	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
44	Stoltenberg, M.	0	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
96	Davis, Carlos	1	0	1	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
91	Akinmoladun, F.	1	0	1	1.0-9	1-9	-	-	-	-	-	1
87	Reilly, Brandon	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52	Banderas, Josh	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	McNitt, Luke	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
56	Simpson, Brad	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Nabity, Graham	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals		19	26	45	1.0-9	5-14	0	0-0	0-0	3	0	3

**RUSHING OFFENSE:** The Huskers won this game on the ground, whether it was Terrell Newby picking up key first downs and then touchdowns or when it was Devine Ozigbo hammering away at the line before leaving with an injury, Nebraska wouldn't have emerged victorious otherwise. Despite these accomplishments, it still was far from an error-free effort. The Huskers ran for 203 yards in the win but Illinois made the team earn everyone of them. Newby's long run to break things open in the fourth quarter also masked just how hard it was for the Huskers to get it going up front. Still three rushing touchdowns on the day counts for something. – *Michael Schaefer*

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**PASSING OFFENSE:** Nebraska moved the ball through the air at times on Saturday and Tommy Armstrong, aside from a bad interception before the half, was again effective when called upon. He finished with 220 yards, a touchdown and somehow avoided taking a sack on a day where he was running for his life. The reason this grade drops is the pass blocking didn't allow the Huskers to do much. Armstrong was under duress far too often against a good Illinois front, but NU is going to face much better going forward. One major positive is Nebraska's screen game is both effective and running without issue. Could be a big weapon going forward. – *Michael Schaefer*

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**RUSHING DEFENSE:** The yards were there for the taking, at least initially, by Illinois against Nebraska's defense. The Husker tackling was suspect in the first half and Illinois' running backs found room to run. One big benefit for the Huskers was that the offense controlled the ball for so long in the second half that Illinois wasn't able to grind the clock. The Fighting Illini averaged 5.9 yards per carry and it was obvious after the game that Mike Riley wasn't pleased with the Blackshirts' effort. – *Michael Bruntz*

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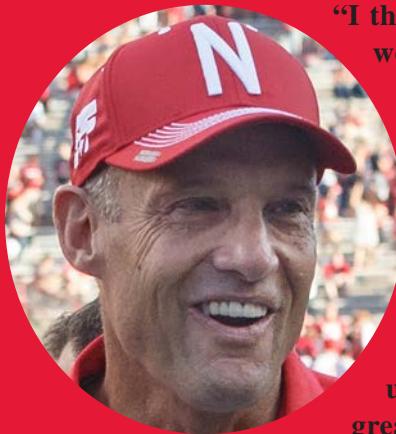
**PASSING DEFENSE:** Wes Lunt finished the game 13-for-22 for 133 yards and no touchdowns. The longest passing play for Illinois on the night was just 26 yards and the Huskers once again did a nice job of keeping everything in front of them. It was interesting to watch how Nebraska handled the rotations up front – we didn't see a lot of rotating in this game, and the Huskers got just one sack of Lunt. Give credit, though, to the passing defense down the stretch when the Huskers made plays late to keep Illinois off the scoreboard. – *Michael Bruntz*

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**KICKING/SPECIAL TEAMS:** The Huskers had a solid day overall on special teams. The one bugaboo came on the decision to have Drew Brown kick a 56-yard field goal in the first half that cost Nebraska field position and led to Illinois' first seven points of the game. De'Mornay Pierson-El had two punt returns in the game, returning three punts for 42 yards, and the Huskers didn't have a punt on the afternoon. – *Michael Bruntz*

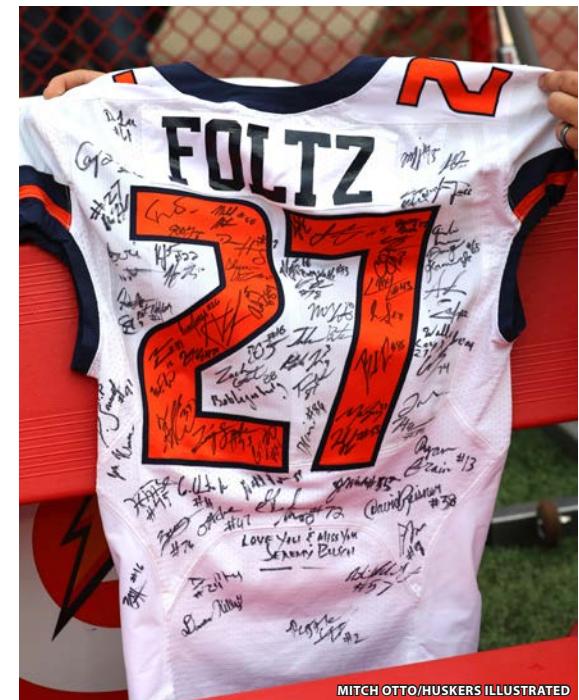
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## Quoting NU Coach Mike Riley on the play of Terrell Newby against Illinois:



**"I think he is quietly one of our better workers, quietly well respected. He's not going to make a lot of noise, but I think everybody does have a lot of respect for him. I think he prepares himself at the top level for his senior year so he's taking advantage of it and when it came down to it today when nobody else was left, he stepped up and played hard and made some great cuts and helped win the game."**

# Game Notes



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## ILLINOIS PAYS TRIBUTE TO FOLTZ

The Illinois football team paid tribute to Sam Foltz before kickoff on Saturday.

Nebraska's special teams unit was presented with a Foltz Illinois jersey as they ran out of the tunnel for pregame warmups.

The No. 27 Foltz Illinois jersey was signed by all of Illinois football team and place-kicker Spencer Lindsay placed the jersey next to Foltz's Husker jersey along the Husker bench.

## COLE CONRAD REPLACES KNEVEL

Cole Conrad replaced David Knevel at right tackle in the first half. Part of the reason is Knevel has been dealing with an ankle injury and the other part is Knevel wasn't performing well against the Illinois defense line with that ankle.

"We thought Knevel has been improving, and he has been improving with his ankle all the time," Riley said. "It's better each day, but he struggled. So when he was struggling, we didn't hesitate to put him (Conrad) in the game."

Offensive coordinator Danny Langsdorf said he likes the way Conrad approaches the game.

"He's just worked and he doesn't open his mouth and he just goes in there and plays," Langsdorf said.

## BLACKSHIRTS FINISH STRONG

Nebraska's late game defense from last season is night and day. The past three games, the defense has been able to close out games in the fourth quarter.

"It was one of the things that we focused on all offseason was finishing," Safety Nate Gerry said.



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**Above:** Roommates Trey Foster and Tommy Armstrong Jr. look on with concern as trainers attend to Jordan Westerkamp. **Left:** Illinois presented Nebraska with a special No. 27 Foltz Illinois jersey that their entire team signed. **Below:** Josh Kalu celebrates a pass break up with Aaron Williams.

"Last year we lost six games or whatever it was to fourth-quarter games, and it was just one of the things we have been focusing on in practice and throughout the offseason was just finishing. I think so far we have."

Effort is the main thing Gerry mentioned when asked what exact things they focused on in the offseason.

"Just effort," Gerry said. "Just one thing we always talk about, being a defensive guy, you do not have to know anything as long as you hustle to the ball and do your best effort, that is all you can ask for."

## ILLINOIS OPTS TO PUNT

Many questioned Illinois Head Coach Lovie Smith's decision to punt with ball on fourth and 1 at his own 34-yard down by eight. The Illinois defense just came off the field after a 10:42 drive by the Husker offense.

Smith said he wasn't worried if the defense was tired or not.

"I wouldn't have done that if I was worried about that. I thought that gave us the best chance to win under those circumstances."

Smith went on to say if he had the decision again he would make the same call.

"There were three minutes left to go in the game with three timeouts. You stop them and get the ball back with over two minutes left to go and the clock stops

every first down so there was no decision with that to make that call. A part of that was getting them stopped though."

After Nebraska took over after the punt, Newby took the second play 63 yards for a touchdown.

Nebraska dominated time of possession in the fourth quarter. The Husker offense had the ball for 11:04 compared to Illinois 3:56.

"The one thing that I felt like was that they hardly had the ball in the second half," Riley said. "I thought that was good." his ankle in the second half and did not return.

## HUSKERS READY FOR A BYE WEEK

Nebraska's bye week couldn't have come at a better time, especially on offense. After already missing Alonzo Moore (shoulder) and Tanner Farmer (ankle) in Saturday's game, the Huskers lost a handful of players to injury throughout the game.

Tight end Cethan Carter (left arm), Jordan Westerkamp (unknown), David Knevel (ankle) and Devine Ozigbo (ankle) left Saturday's game and did not return.

"The status of Carter is that he hurt his elbow," Head Coach Mike Riley said. "I don't know how long that will mean to him being out. They took Westerkamp to the hospital to make sure they checked everything out on him. We don't know



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more on that yet. Ozigbo has an ankle sprain, and that should be okay. Summarizing and looking at our team, and watching that take place today appears to be a really good time for a bye week."

Ozigbo got injured early in the second quarter, which was the main reason Terrell Newby carried the load in the second half.

"I knew I'd kind of have to carry the load from then on when I saw Devine with an ankle injury, but I accepted it and do everything in my power to get the victory," Newby said.

# Nebraska 31, Illinois 16



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Clockwise from above: De'Mornay Pierson-El returns a punt early in the third-quarter that gave NU golden field position in Illinois territory. However, NU fumbled and Illinois recovered. Dedrick Young chases down an Illinois player for a tackle. Luke McNitt makes a special teams tackle for the Huskers.



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Clockwise from above: Owen Beach of Omaha had quite the first Husker game to celebrate his first birthday on Saturday. Tommy Armstrong Jr. somehow got off a lob pass to tight end Sam Cotton (84), who made an acrobatic catch to keep NU's drive alive.

# 2MinuteDrill

**LEARNING ON THE FLY  
CARLOS DAVIS ADJUSTS  
TO STARTING ROLE**



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## Compiled by Kevin Houck

When John Parrella was hired as Nebraska's new defensive line coach in the offseason he knew the task he was facing.

The only returning starter from the season before was defensive end Freedom Akinmoladun but even then Freedom was adjusting to the switch from tight end.

Ross Dzuris and Kevin Maurice played backup roles who were moving into starting positions. Mick Stoltenberg is the most athletic of all of the linemen but still is very raw.

"John is a real detailed teacher in what we're doing out there," Head Coach Mike Riley said. "I think that combination is great. I think you see a real vibrant room. I love it. I think these guys stay hungry, they stay on an edge, he doesn't ever let them relax. That part of growing, I think that's a really, really important part of learning and getting better, it's really an important part of the season. You've got to do that within your team if you're going to have a good year. So you need that continual push, and there can't be any staying just satisfied with what's going on, and I don't think John will ever let them do that."

So when Stoltenberg underwent arthroscopic knee surgery after the Fresno State game, Parrella had to rely on redshirt freshman Carlos Davis in the starting role.

Davis's first game in a backup role came against Fresno State and now he was thrust into the starting role a week later. Two different scenarios Davis quickly understood after his first-career start against Wyoming.

"You got to come out more prepared instead of coming off the bench," Davis said. "You're expected to start the tone right then and there instead of coming off the bench and trying to make some stuff happen."

Davis was on the bubble last year to burn his redshirt. He traveled with the team to Miami and Illinois in case depth on an already thin defensive line became worse. Davis said those trips helped him prepare for his first road start at Northwestern.

"I kind of knew the routine so I knew what I had to do coming in," Davis said. "It was different. The crowd made it feel like it was a home but it was fun. I enjoyed it."

Even though Davis was an injury away from playing last season, he's glad he never stepped onto the football field until this year.

"In my mind I thought I was but I wasn't ready," Davis said.

The mental aspect of the game is what Davis is still adjusting to four games into his Husker career.

"Just being confident out there and knowing I can play with those guys," Davis said. "Just trusting in myself."

Parrella's motto to the defensive line is to get two-percent better every day. A motto that Davis is still striving to maintain.

"Somedays are better than others but as long as you do something to improve you're going to get better," Davis said. "We live by that."

Davis admits he's not always exact on what he is sup-

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## HI'S TOP5

# CAREER TACKLES BY A NEBRASKA DEFENSIVE BACK

NATHAN GERRY



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1	<b>Mike Brown</b> Safety, 1996-99	<b>287</b>
2	<b>Nathan Gerry</b> Safety, 2013- Present	<b>228</b>
3	<b>Daniel Bullocks</b> Safety, 2002-05	<b>226</b>
4	<b>Larry Asante</b> Safety, 2007-09	<b>224</b>
5	<b>Tyrone Byrd</b> Safety, 1989-92	<b>209</b>



Nebraska's three Heisman Trophy winners Johnny Rodgers, Mike Rozier and Eric Crouch were all in attendance at Saturday's Illinois football game.



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ball game. The trio appeared on the BTN Tailgate Show before the game and were recognized at the stadium during a break in the action.

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posed to do each play but if that is the case Parrella wants them to play as fast as they can.

"They're playing hard every single day, every single game and that's never a question," Parrella said. "If it is (a question) you're not going to play here. We're 1000 miles-per-hour or you're not seeing the field. I think they hold each other accountable I don't really have to say much to them."

Last season, the Huskers had defensive tackles Vincent Valentine and Maliek Collins to handle inside the trenches but both are now starters in the NFL. Davis said Collins took him under his wing last season for when this opportunity arose.

"Maliek was a big influence on me last year I stay around those guys a lot," Davis said. "He talked to me during the year and kind of told me how it was going to play out so seeing him in the NFL is kind of crazy. One thing he told me was to just play hard. Even if you're going to mess up go all out."

Now after seeing limited snaps against Oregon and Northwestern, Stoltenberg will be slotted back into the starting defensive tackle position alongside Maurice. With Davis earning Stoltenbergs snaps while he was out the defensive line has created more depth and experience for Big Ten play.

Parrella said he likes where the defensive lines at from when he arrived on campus but they have a long ways to go before reaching where they want to be.

"They're coming together," Parrella said. "I mean everyday is a learning process for them and obviously we're 4-0. People like to see that but everyday is a quest to get better. We're pleased with them absolutely but we got to keep getting better. If we want to go where we want to go we have to keep getting better."

## ARMSTRONG JR. EARNS BIG TEN HONOR

Quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr. was named Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week for his performance against Northwestern.

Armstrong accounted for 378 yards of total offense in the win. He threw for 246 yards and a touchdown while add-



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**Tommy Armstrong Jr. runs with the ball against Illinois.**

ing 132 yards on the ground.

"It means a lot. It means our offense did a great job," Armstrong said. "I couldn't have gotten that award without my teammates and great blocking by our receivers and our offensive line blocking their tails off. It is not only for me, it is for those guys that did a great job to get me the things I did to deserve that. They did a great job as a unit, as an offense. So that means a lot but at the same time we have just got to keep moving forward and keeping driving and feeding off of that."

The honor marked the third Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week award in his career.

## WILLIAMS RETURNS TO SIDELINES

After serving his four game suspension, wide receivers coach Keith Williams will be back on the sideline against Illinois.

Williams spoke with the media following Wednesday's practice for the first time since he read his written statement shortly after his DUI arrest in August.

Williams was suspended until Sept. 1 from all team activities and then was suspended the first four games of the

season.

"I'm happy to be back," Williams said. "Obviously it was tough not being around. That whole process was really tough, so I'm ecstatic to be back."

Players weren't able to ask Williams questions on the fly during games as he was not allowed near the field or in the locker room on game days. Wide receiver Jordan Westerkamp said Williams presence will be huge for the receiving group.

"That'll be huge," wide receiver Jordan Westerkamp said. "It's obviously been different the first four games without him but we are right where we want to be at 4-0. It's going to be awesome to have him on the sideline during games though."

Williams said he watched the first three games in his office by himself and then traveled with the team to Northwestern. But as the team left for the stadium, Williams headed home to Lincoln.

"Not good," Williams said about how he felt not being on the sideline. "It's what you would think it is. It was a stressful situation, but I brought it on myself. So you move forward and you make it right."

Through the first four games, Wil-



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### Michael Rose-Ivey and Kevin Maurice bring down Illinois running back Reggie Corbin.

liams would go over game film in team meetings the following week after games. Receivers admitted Williams was tough them when watching film but Williams said he wasn't "extra tough" on guys in frustration that he couldn't be on the field.

"Just corrections based on the situation but it wasn't extra tough because of the situation," Williams said. "It was tough if it was deserving."

The receivers could be referring to the Huskers first game against Fresno State. Riley said after the game the receiving group didn't play well as a whole. Receivers were coming out of the huddle wrong, they were lining up wrong and didn't finish downfield blocks.

Williams said the situation could have played part.

"There was some frustration there," Williams said. "I think the situation may have threw them off a little bit with me not being on the sideline the first game. But like I said, we talked about it the next day, the days after and we got it right."

Graduate assistant Hardie Buck took over the in game coaching duties at wide receiver in Williams absence.

"He did awesome," Williams said. "Buck's the man. We couldn't have asked for better. He did awesome."

Williams gave thanks to all the support he received from the university, athletic department, Nebraska coaches, and the Husker fan base. His message to his players is the same message he wrote in his written statement last time he spoke to the media.

"You're responsible for every one of your decisions," Williams said. "Even if you've made 99 good ones, every decision is independent. The things that you do, you're responsible for them, no matter who you are."

In light of the situation, Riley joked that if they don't beat Illinois Williams time on the sidelines would be short lived.

"I told him today we better win, otherwise he's going back in the box," Riley said. "I think it's going to be great to have Keith back, that was a hard, no-good situation. I think we've been through the consequences of that, so we're excited to have him back now, full-fledged into the practices, the games, and the whole part. It'll be real good for the Huskers to have him back."

### ROSE-IVEY ISSUES STATEMENT

Linebackers Michael Rose-Ivey and Mohamed Barry and defensive end Daishon Neal kneeled before the North-

western game to show support against police brutality.

Rose-Ivey orchestrated the protest. He talked to Head Coach Mike Riley after the team dinner on Friday night and talked to the team about his reasoning Saturday morning before walkthroughs.

During Monday's press conference, Rose-Ivey issued a statement for the media before moving onto football questions only.

"First off, I want to say my name is Michael Rose-Ivey. I'm a student-athlete at the University of Nebraska and I want to thank Coach (Mike) Riley, the administration and this university for allowing me to step out and speak on my beliefs on my own behalf," Rose-Ivey said. "I want to thank you guys for being here and listening to me. As everyone is aware, this past Saturday before the game against Northwestern DaiShon Neal, Mohamed Barry and myself kneeled in solidarity with Colin Kaepernick and many other athletes across the country. Those professional and unprofessional who are standing together to use their various platforms to bring awareness about police brutality and the recent deaths of black men and women at the hands of police officers. While the anthem played, I prayed along with DaiShon and Mohamed. We asked God

to watch over us and protect us, and to look down on this country with grace and mercy and to look down on all of us with grace and mercy.

"You see, we are not perfect beings. 2 Corinthians 3:5 says 'Not that we are sufficient in our own selves to claim anything as coming from us but sufficiency is from God.' As we looked at what has been going on in this country the injustice has been taken place primarily against people of color and we all realize there is a systematic problem in America that needs to be addressed. We felt it was our duty to step up and join the chorus of athletes in the NFL, WNBA, college and high school using their platforms to highlight these issues. We did this understanding the implications of these actions, but what we didn't expect was the enormous amount of racially hateful comments we received from friends, peers, fans, members of the media and others about the method of protest. While you may disagree with the method, these reactions to it further underscore the need for this protest and gives us just a small glimpse into the persistent problems of race in this country and the divisive mentality of some Americans. To make it clear, I am not anti-police, anti-military, nor anti-America. I love my country deeply and appreciate the freedoms it professes to afford me..."

## BIG TEN TO USE SPECIAL FOLTZ COIN FOR ALL GAMES

The Big Ten will honor the memory of Sam Foltz and Michigan State punter Mike Sadler with a special commemorative coin this Saturday across all seven Big Ten Conference games.

This weekend marks the first full slate of seven Big Ten Conference games. Officials and captains will use the commemorative flipping coin to honor the lives of Foltz and Sadler. The coin was developed collaboratively by representatives from Nebraska, Michigan State, the Foltz and Sadler families and the Big Ten Conference.

After this weekend, it will be up to each of the 14 Big Ten institutions discretion to continue using the coin, or to use the traditional Nile Kinnick Big Ten Coin. Nebraska plans to use the com-



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**Corey Whitaker played the majority of snaps for Tanner Farmer on Saturday.**

memorative Foltz-Sadler coin at the remainder of its 2016 home games at Memorial Stadium.

Foltz and Sadler died tragically in a car crash on July 23, after attending a kicking camp in Wisconsin. Both of these young men left an indelible mark on their teams and schools and positively impacted the lives of those around them. Nebraska is honoring the memory of Foltz in many ways throughout the season, including wearing a SF27 sticker on its helmets.

## TWO HUSKERS OUT AGAINST ILLINOIS

Head Coach Mike Riley announced wide receiver Alonzo Moore and right guard Tanner Farmer are out for Saturday's game against Illinois.

Moore has been dealing with a shoulder injury for the past two weeks and has been limited throughout practices. He reaggravated the injury in the first half of the Northwestern game.

"He has played two games like that, so our initial thing is let's just get him healthy so he doesn't have to play like that," Riley said. "He still does a good job, and I wouldn't rule him out totally. But our inclination is to get him healthy."

Farmer suffered a high ankle sprain in the second half against Northwestern. Farmer did not return in the game.

With the bye week after Illinois, Riley said it would be best to sit them out and have those two weeks of recovery.

Corey Whitaker will replace Farmer at the right guard position and walk-on Cole Conrad will be the top back-up option for all five spots on the offensive front.

"Cole Conrad has to be ready to go," offensive line coach Mike Cavanaugh said. "Tackle, and guard, and center. He's the next guy up."

The Fremont, Neb. native spent most of his first two seasons in Lincoln working primarily at tackle, but Cavanaugh said Conrad has taken practice reps at all three positions on the line. Conrad is also on the Huskers special teams unit.

As to who is behind Conrad if any more injuries happen, Riley said that's a good question.

"That's a real good question because we are moving Boe Wilson back into this picture a little bit, so he'll be in there. Jalin Barnett, who's been hurt a little bit in practice, he'll move back into that picture," Riley said. "We're getting kind of thin there, we lost two scout players as a matter of fact, so our offensive line depth is not great."

# Hometown Huskers

## Sam Cotton continues family's Nebraska tradition

Story by Kevin Houck • Photo by Mitch Otto

**SAM COTTON KNOWS** the Husker tradition. His family bloodlines run deep into the Husker program.

His father, Barney, played for the Huskers from 1975-78 and was an assistant coach for eight years at Nebraska. His oldest brother, Ben, played tight end from 2008-12 and second oldest brother, Jake, played on the offensive line from 2010-14.

When Bo Pelini was fired after the 2014 season so was his father after eight years as a Husker coach.

Cotton said it took sometime to adjust to the reality of the situation.

"That was really tough," Cotton said. "A lot of guys took it pretty hard because they fell in love with that last coaching staff and for me I took it a lot harder than everybody else."

"Not only did I love that old coaching staff but that's my dad. You kind of feel like with these new guys coming in they're going to take my dad's job and it was really hard not to resent the new coaching staff. But talking with my family and my dad especially, he really mentored me on how to handle it, give these new guys a chance and I am really happy I did."

After growing up in Lincoln, his family moved west before the start of the 2015 season.

Barney accepted the offensive coordinator position at UNLV and his brother Ben is also a graduate assistant for the Rebels.

Cotton said his family moving hit him

the hardest out of all the news.

"I am a family guy and I like having my family close," Cotton said. "So that was hard to adjust to."

After a disappointing first year with the new coaching staff, the team settled in, realized their potential and focused on what the coaches wanted to teach the team. Leaning on each position coaches input, players took the off-season to focus on their weaknesses.

For Cotton his focus was on his speed.

"I think the biggest thing for me personally was developing my speed," Cotton said. "I have always been confident as a blocker and I have always been confident in my hands. To really develop my speed this summer was big."

A year later, Cotton's happiness has came back around.

He's especially taken a liking to his tight ends coach Tavita Thompson, who replaced his father at the position.

"He's been awesome. The knowledge he has when it comes to every piece of the game is pretty amazing," Cotton said. "Whether it's a technique on a block, to the coverage that were looking at or how to run the route well it really shows the way he has developed us."

Listening to the coaches put Cotton in the right place. He may be behind Cethan Carter on the depth chart but offensive coordinator Danny Langsdorf has quickly realized the versatility Cotton can have.

"He is a good player. He runs good routes," Langsdorf said. "We talk a lot about Cethan. Sam's kind of the on the line tight end and Cethan's the off the line, move guy when they're in the game but there are plays for Sam too."

After the feeling of losing his family from the program in 2014, Cotton's understood that things change in the program and his football family never left him.

"I am pretty happy with my career here. I want to finish it out the right way and I am definitely happy with the camaraderie that we have here. It just kind of feels like my family," Cotton said.



Date	Opponent	Location	Results
Sat, Sep 03	Fresno State	Memorial Stadium	-
Sat, Sep 10	Wyoming	Memorial Stadium	-
Sat, Sep 17	Oregon	Memorial Stadium	-
Sat, Sep 24	Northwestern *	at Evanston, Ill.	-
Sat, Oct 01	Illinois *	Memorial Stadium	-
Sat, Oct 15	Indiana *	at Bloomington, Ind.	-
Sat, Oct 22	Purdue *	Memorial Stadium	-
Sat, Oct 29	Wisconsin *	at Madison, Wis.	-
Sat, Nov 05	Ohio State *	at Columbus, Ohio	-
Sat, Nov 12	Minnesota *	Memorial Stadium	-
Sat, Nov 19	Maryland *	Memorial Stadium	-
Fri, Nov 25	Iowa *	at Iowa City, Iowa	-

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1	Lamar Jackson	DB	6-3	195	Fr.	Elk Grove, Calif. (Franklin)	41	Luke McNitt	FB	6-2	240	Jr.	Kearney, Neb. (Nebraska-Kearney)(Kearney)
1	Jordan Westerkamp	WR	6-0	200	Sr.	Lombard, Ill. (Montini Catholic)	42	Trey Foster	TE	6-2	250	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
2	Tony Butler	DB	6-2	195	Fr.	Lakewood, Ohio (St. Edward)	43	Tyrin Ferguson	LB	6-2	225	So.	New Orleans, La. (Edna Karr)
2	Zack Darlington	WR	6-2	195	So.	Apopka, Fla. (Apopka)	43	Todd Honas	WR	5-11	200	Fr.	Aurora, Neb. (Aurora)
3	Lavan Alston Jr.	WR	6-0	175	RFr.	Oxnard, Calif. (St. Bonaventure)	44	Mitch McCann	FB	6-0	240	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (Burke)
3	Marcus Newby	LB	6-1	235	Jr.	North Potomac, Md. (Quince Orchard)	44	Mick Stoltenberg	DL	6-5	290	So.	Gretna, Neb. (Gretna)
4	Avery Anderson	S	6-0	185	RFr.	Surprise, Ariz. (Pine Creek (Colorado Springs))	45	Ty Chaffin	WR	6-5	200	Fr.	Burwell, Neb. (Burwell)
4	Tommy Armstrong Jr.	QB	6-1	220	Sr.	Cibolo, Texas (Steele)	45	A.J. Natter	DE	6-5	260	Jr.	Milton, Wis. (Milton)
5	Derrick Young II	LB	6-1	220	So.	Peoria, Ariz. (Centennial)	47	Branden Hohenstein	TE	6-4	205	Fr.	Jackson, Neb. (Bishop Heelan)
6	Eric Lee Jr.	CB	6-0	190	RFr.	Milton, Mass. (Valor Christian (Colorado))	47	Matt Jarzynka	DE	6-4	255	So.	Loup City, Neb. (Loup City)
7	Mohamed Barry	LB	6-1	220	RFr.	Grayson, Ga. (Grayson)	48	Erik Evans	DE	6-3	255	Jr.	Waverly, Neb. (Waverly)
8	Chris Jones	CB	6-0	185	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla. (Sandalwood)	49	Austin Hemphill	FB	6-0	220	RFr.	Gretna, Neb. (Gretna)
8	Stanley Morgan Jr.	WR	6-1	200	So.	New Orleans, La. (St. Augustine)	49	Chris Weber	LB	6-3	230	Jr.	Omaha, Neb. (Elkhorn)
9	DaiShon Neal	DE	6-7	270	RFr.	Houston, Texas (Omaha Central)	50	Garret Johns	DL	6-0	285	Sr.	Aurora, Neb. (Aurora)
9	Keyan Williams	WR	5-10	195	So.	New Orleans, La. (Fresno State) (Lusher)	50	John Raridon	OL	6-4	275	Fr.	West Des Moines, Iowa (Valley)
10	Joshua Kalu	CB	6-1	190	Jr.	Houston, Texas (Alief Taylor)	51	Jared Brugmann	LB	6-2	235	RFr.	Gretna, Neb. (Gretna)
10	JD Spielman	WR	5-9	180	Fr.	Eden Prairie, Minn. (Eden Prairie)	52	Josh Banderas	LB	6-3	240	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southwest)
11	Cethan Carter	TE	6-4	240	Sr.	New Orleans, La. (Archbishop Rummel)	53	Alex Boryca	LB	6-2	220	So.	Cozad, Neb. (Cozad)
11	Boaz Joseph	CB	6-1	190	Jr.	Weston, Fla. (Cypress Bay)	54	Creighton Hamik	LB	6-3	210	Fr.	Kearney, Neb. (Kearney Catholic)
12	Luke Gifford	LB	6-3	230	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)	54	Jordan Ober	LS	6-1	205	So.	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
12	Patrick O'Brien	QB	6-4	230	Fr.	San Juan Capistrano, Calif. (San Juan Hills)	54	Robby Painter	OL	6-5	300	Sr.	Centennial, Colo. (Grandview)
13	JoJo Domann	DB	6-1	205	Fr.	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Pine Creek)	55	Kevin Maurice	DT	6-3	300	Sr.	Orlando, Fla. (Freedom)
13	Tanner Lee	QB	6-4	205	Jr.	Destrehan, La. (Tulane) (Jesuit)	56	Brad Simpson	LB	6-0	230	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (Ralston)
14	Kyle Kasun	DB	6-0	180	RFr.	Papillion, Neb. (Papillion-La Vista South)	56	Boe Wilson	OL	6-3	295	Fr.	Lee's Summit, Mo. (Lee's Summit West)
15	De'Mornay Pierson-El	WR	5-9	185	Jr.	Alexandria, Va. (West Potomac)	57	Jacob Weinmaster	LB	6-0	215	RFr.	Loveland, Colo. (Loveland)
15	Michael Rose-Ivey	LB	6-0	230	Sr.	Kansas City, Mo. (Rockhurst)	58	Joel Lopez	DL	6-2	280	Jr.	Saint Charles, Ill. (Burlington Central)
16	Antonio Reed	S	6-2	220	So.	Memphis, Tenn. (Southaven (Miss.))	58	Corey Whitaker	OL	6-5	295	Sr.	Murrieta, Calif. (Vista Murrieta)
17	Ryker Fyfe	QB	6-3	215	Sr.	Grand Island, Neb. (Grand Island)	59	Brody Cleveland	LB	6-2	225	RFr.	Ogallala, Neb. (Ogallala)
17	Sedrick King	DE	6-4	250	So.	Plant City, Fla. (Plant City)	61	Bryan Brokop	OL	6-5	275	Fr.	New Lenox, Ill. (Lincoln-Way West)
18	Tre Bryant	IB	5-11	200	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Christian Brothers College)	62	Cole Conrad	OL	6-5	305	So.	Fremont, Neb. (Archbishop Bergan)
19	Marquel Dismuke	DB	6-2	180	Fr.	Calabasas, Calif. (Calabasas)	63	Tanner Farmer	OL	6-4	295	So.	Highland, Ill. (Highland)
21	Charles Jackson	DB	5-11	180	Sr.	Spring, Texas (Klein Collins)	65	Christian Gaylord	OL	6-6	300	RFr.	Baldwin City, Kan. (Baldwin City)
21	Mikale Wilbon	IB	5-9	195	So.	Chicago, Ill. (De La Salle Institute)	66	Dylan Utter	OL	6-1	295	Sr.	Papillion, Neb. (Papillion-La Vista)
22	Alex Davis	DE	6-5	255	RFr.	Riviera Beach, Fla. (Dwyer)	67	Jerald Foster	OL	6-3	310	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
22	Devine Ozigbo	IB	5-11	230	So.	Sachse, Texas (Sachse)	68	Nick Gates	OL	6-5	290	So.	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
23	Dicaprio Bootle	DB	5-10	180	Fr.	Miami, Fla. (Southridge)	71	Matt Farniok	OL	6-6	300	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. (Washington)
23	Austin Rose	IB	6-1	225	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (North Star)	72	Zach Hannon	OL	6-5	315	Jr.	Kansas City, Mo. (Rockhurst)
24	Aaron Williams	S	5-11	185	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga. (Carver)	73	Sam Hahn	OL	6-7	300	Sr.	DeWitt, Neb. (No. Dakota St.) (Tri-County)
25	Nathan Gerry	S	6-2	220	Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. (Washington)	74	Jalin Barnett	OL	6-4	310	RFr.	Lawton, Okla. (Lawton)
26	Thomas Connely	LB	5-11	220	So.	Kearney, Neb. (Kearney Catholic)	75	Fyn Anderson	DL	6-3	260	RFr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
26	Brady Pelzer	WR	5-11	185	So.	Bellevue, Neb. (Bellevue East)	76	Dwayne Johnson Jr.	OL	6-6	300	Jr.	Houston, Texas (Bellaire)
26	Jamie Sutcliffe	PK	6-2	190	Sr.	Thousand Oaks, Calif. (Utah/Pierce College) (Thousand Oaks)	76	Dylan Owen	DL	6-5	240	So.	Westchester, N.Y. (Bridgton Academy) (Somers)
26	Kieron Williams	S	6-1	195	Jr.	Shreveport, La. (Air Force Prep) (C.E. Byrd)	77	David Knevel	OL	6-9	315	Jr.	Brantford, Ontario, Canada (Pauline Johnson Collegiate)
27	Sam Foltz	P	6-2	205	Sr.	Greeley, Neb. (Grand Island)	79	Michael Decker	OL	6-4	285	RFr.	Omaha, Neb. (North)
28	Eli Sullivan	DB	6-2	190	Fr.	Longmont, Colo. (Longmont)	80	Brett Classen	WR	6-2	205	Jr.	Medina, Minn. (Winona State) (Wayzata)
28	Adam Taylor	IB	6-2	210	Jr.	Katy, Texas (Katy)	81	Gabe Rahn	WR	6-1	195	Jr.	Le Mars, Iowa (Le Mars)
29	Nolan Graham	DB	5-11	200	So.	Firth, Neb. (Norris)	82	Alonzo Moore	WR	6-2	195	Sr.	Winnfield, La. (Winnfield Senior)
29	Graham Nabity	IB	6-1	210	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (Elkhorn)	83	David Engelhaupt	TE	6-3	230	Fr.	Norfolk, Neb. (Norfolk Catholic)
30	Quayshon Alexander	LB	6-3	235	Fr.	Prospect Park, N.J. (De Paul Catholic)	83	Bryan Reimers	WR	6-5	210	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Lincoln East)
30	Bo Kittle	FB	6-1	225	Sr.	Ashland, Neb. (Ashland-Greenwood)	84	Sam Cotton	TE	6-5	250	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
31	Greg Simmons	LB	6-2	240	Fr.	Fort Pierce, Fla. (Fort Pierce Central)	85	Matt Snyder	TE	6-5	255	RFr.	San Ramon, Calif. (California)
31	Conor Young	WR	6-2	170	RFr.	Cozad, Neb. (Cozad)	86	Jack Stoll	TE	6-4	235	Fr.	Lone Tree, Colo. (Regis Jesuit)
32	Tanner Hass	RB	6-0	195	Fr.	West Point, Neb. (Guardian Angels)	87	Brandon Reilly	WR	6-2	200	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southwest)
32	Pernell Jefferson	LB	6-2	225	Fr.	New Orleans, La. (Warren Easton)	88	Ross Dzuris	DE	6-3	255	Fr.	Plattsmouth, Neb. (Plattsmouth)
33	Christian Bailey	WR	6-0	205	Jr.	San Clemente, Calif. (San Clemente)	88	Tyler Hopkes	TE	6-4	240	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Wayne St.) (Southwest)
33	Tanner Zlab	DB	5-10	195	Sr.	Wilber, Neb. (Doane) (Wilber-Clatonia)	89	Connor Ketter	TE	6-5	245	Jr.	Norfolk, Neb. (Norfolk Catholic)
34	Drew Brown	PK	5-11	195	Jr.	Southlake, Texas (Southlake Carroll)	91	Freedom Akinmoladun	DE	6-4	255	So.	Grandview, Mo. (Grandview)
34	Terrell Newby	IB	5-10	200	Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Chaminade)	92	Chase Urbach	LS	6-3	200	RFr.	Grosse Pointe, Mich. (Grosse Pointe South)
35	Caleb Lightbourn	P/PK	6-3	220	Fr.	Washougal, Wash. (Camas)	94	Khalil Davis	DT	6-2	290	RFr.	Blue Springs, Mo. (Blue Springs)
35	Jeremiah Stovall	DB	5-11	175	RFr.	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)	95	Spencer Lindsay	PK	5-9	210	Sr.	Kearney, Neb. (Kearney)
36	Spencer Jordan	FB	6-2	215	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)	95	Ben Stille	DE	6-5	240	Fr.	Ashland, Neb. (Ashland-Greenwood)
36	Reid Karel	DB	6-3	205	RFr.	Seward, Neb. (Seward)	96	Carlos Davis	DT	6-2	295	RFr.	Blue Springs, Mo. (Blue Springs)
37	Wyatt Mazour	IB	5-9	190	RFr.	Albion, Neb. (Boone Central)	97	Logan Rath	DT	6-4	280	Sr.	Giltner, Neb. (So. Dakota St.) (Giltner)
38	Harrison Jordan	FB	5-10	230	Jr.	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)	98	Isaac Armstrong	P	5-11	195	RFr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Kearney) (Southwest)
39	Donovan McDonald	WR	5-11	175	RFr.	Montclair, N.J. (Fork Union Military Academy) (Montclair)	98	Collin Miller	DE	6-3	235	Fr.	Fishers, Ind. (Hamilton Southeastern)
39	Jordan Nelson	IB	5-8	180	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (Burke)	99	Peyton Newell	DT	6-3	290	So.	Hiawatha, Kan. (Hiawatha)
40	Ty Betka	WR	5-7	165	Sr.	Superior, Neb. (Drake)	Jake Kitten	OL	6-2	290	Fr.	Santee, Calif. (Santana)	
40	Grant Jordan	LB	6-2	205	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)	Sean Lambert	IB	6-0	200	Fr.	Fremont, Neb. (Fremont)	
41	Noah Johnson	IB	6-0	210	RFr.	Sutton, Neb. (Sutton)	Ne'Land Smith	WR	6-3	190	Fr.	Blue Springs, Mo. (Blue Springs)	



## 2016 SCHEDULE

Sept. 1 Fla. International W, 34-13  
 Sept. 10 Ball State W, 30-20  
 Sept. 24 Wake Forest L, 33-28  
 Oct. 1 Michigan State W, 24-21 (OT)  
 Oct. 8 @ Ohio State  
**Oct. 15 Nebraska**  
 Oct. 22 @ Northwestern  
 Oct. 29 Maryland  
 Nov. 5 @ Rutgers  
 Nov. 12 Penn State  
 Nov. 19 @ Michigan  
 Nov. 26 Purdue

## 2015 RESULTS (6-7, 2-6)

Southern Illinois	W, 48-47
Florida International	W, 36-22
Western Kentucky	W, 38-35
@Wake Forest	W, 31-24
Ohio State	L, 34-27
@ Penn State	L, 29-7
Rutgers	L, 55-52
@ Michigan State	L, 52-26
Iowa	L, 35-27
Michigan	L, 48-41 (2OT)
@ Maryland	W, 47-28
@ Purdue	W, 54-36
Duke*	L, 44-41 (OT)

\* Pin Stripe Bowl

## COACH KEVIN WILSON

Wilson is in his sixth year at Indiana and is averaging 4 wins and 8 losses per season. But last season, he guided the Hoosiers to a 6-7 record, which included their first bowl game since 2007. Under his tutelage, Indiana football has set 54 school records, including single-season points, total yardage, passing yardage and rushing yardage. A native of North Carolina, the 54-year old Wilson was an offensive lineman for the Tar Heels and later a grad assistant coach. Since then he has been involved as an offensive coach, most notably as the offensive coordinator at Oklahoma from 2002-2010.



**Marcus Oliver**

Story By Shane G. Gilster • Photos Courtesy of Indiana University Athletics

## Welcome Back to Bloomington

It has been a long time since Nebraska and Indiana have faced each other. The last time was in 1978 when ESPN football analyst Lee Corso was the head coach for the Hoosiers.

The Huskers have won the last four meetings which were all against Corso-coached teams from 1975 to 1978. But overall Indiana leads the series – 9 wins, 7 losses, 3 ties.

Nebraska is coming off a lackluster performance against Illinois in which they were lucky to come out with a victory. Call it a wake-up call but this Husker team still looks like it has a lot more work to do to become a serious contender in the Big Ten.

With a week off the Huskers now have time to regroup but the Hoosiers will not be an easy opponent as evidence of its upset of No. 17 Michigan State. NU should pull this one out but it won't be like the last time they visited Bloomington.

**Prediction:** Nebraska 34, Indiana 24

## Offensive Preview

**Starters Returning/Lost:** 5/6

**Offense:** Multiple

**Outlook:** The Hoosiers lost a lot from this unit including its record-setting quarterback, 1,200-yard rusher and offensive tackle who was a second-round NFL Draft

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pick.

But they still have one of the best offensive linemen in the country in senior guard Dan Freeney, who Wilson said is the best blocker he has coached. Unfortunately, Freeney's status for the game against Nebraska is up in the air due to a concussion he suffered in September.

Wilson's offense loves to throw the football and junior college transfer Richard Lagow has been a capable passer. He threw for almost 500 yards against Wake Forest but had five interceptions.

Lagow has some good targets at receiver with Nick Westbrook, Ricky Jones and Mitchell Paige, who is Indiana's version of Nebraska's Jordan Westerkamp.

The Hoosiers would like to develop a running game and may have found an answer in Devine Redding. The junior ran for 100 yards against the stingy Michigan State defense.

## Defensive Preview

### Starters Returning/Lost:

7/4

#### Defense: Multiple

**Outlook:** Since Wilson has been the head coach, Indiana has been known for its prowess on offense while the defense took a back seat.

This has caused Wilson to hire a new defensive coordinator to help his defensive woes. Tom Allen comes from South Florida where he led the American Athletic Conference's top scoring defense (19.6 points per game).

Allen is hoping to add more of a ball hawking defense that can create turnovers and sacks.



**Nick Westbrook**

His Hoosier defense has a few playmakers to develop that around. Linebackers Marcus Oliver and Tegray Scales are the leading tacklers but others have begun to step up especially in the win against Michigan State, a team they lost to the last seven times.

If the Indiana offense can put up the points, the defense is now capable of holding its own to a certain extent.

## Special Teams Preview

### Starters Returning/Lost:

1/1

#### Defense: 4-3

**Outlook:** Griffin Oakes is already one of the most prolific kickers in Indiana history. The junior returns as the reigning Big Ten Kicker of the Year. He holds the school record holder of the longest field goal (58 yards). But so far this season he is only 5 of 9 on field goal attempts.

Sophomore Joseph Gedeon is handling the punting duties for the first time and is doing a solid job, hovering around 40 yards per punt.

The return game is in

capable hands with Devonte Williams averaging over 25 yards per kickoff return and Mitchell Page with better than 11 on punt returns.

## Did You Know?

That there is no definite explanation to the origin of the nickname Hoosier. Some people think it was meant to mock Indiana as a rough, backwoods and backwards place. Others think that early settlers used the term with pride to describe themselves as a hearty, courageous group. One historian, Jacob Piatt Dunn, even suggested that the word "Hoosier" originally referred to boatmen who lived on the Indiana shore. – *Indiana Historical Society*

## A Look Back

**Nebraska 69, Indiana 17**  
*Sept. 30, 1978 in Bloomington*

Nebraska concluded its non-conference schedule with a 69-17 drubbing of the Indiana Hoosiers.

This game was over in the first quarter as the 12th-ranked Huskers scored four touch-

downs for a 28-0 lead. NU's rushing offense dominated with 415 yards, scoring eight of their ten touchdowns on the ground. The other two was on a 65-yard pass and a recovered blocked punt in the end zone.

With Nebraska keeping it on the ground most of the game, it was no surprise that the offensive player of the game was one of its running backs. I.M. Hipp ran for 123 yards on 21 carries and scored four touchdowns. All of his scoring runs were nine yards or less.

Hipp's backup Tim Wurth ran for two touchdowns and 95 yards as the NU backs got plenty of work on the day.



**I.M. Hipp**

## Fast Facts

**Location:** Bloomington, Ind.

**Enrollment:** 48,514

**First Year of otball:** 1887

**National Championships:** 0

**Conference Titles:** 2

**Stadium:** Memorial Stadium

**Stadium Capacity:** 52,929

**Nickname:** Hoosiers

**Colors:** Cream and Crimson

**2015 Record:** 6-7, 2-6

**Conference:** Big Ten

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# INDIANA HOOSIERS

## 2016 FOOTBALL ROSTER



No	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr.	Hometown (High School)	No	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr.	Hometown (High School)
1	Cobbs Jr., Simmie	WR	6-4	224	Jr.	Oak Park, Ill. / Oak Park and River Forest	44	Oliver, Marcus	LB	6-1	240	R-Jr.	Hamilton, Ohio / Hamilton
2	Simmons, T.J.	LB	6-0	235	Sr.	Lakeland, Fla. / Lakeland	45	Bolstad, Tom	LB	6-1	220	Fr.	University City, Mo. / John Burroughs
2	Williams, Devonte	RB	5-10	184	R-Fr.	Columbia, Md. / Bullis School	47	McCray III, Robert	DL	6-2	275	Jr.	Rockdale, Ga. / Rockdale County
3	Green, Tyler	DB	6-3	190	So.	Waldorf, Md. / DeMatha Catholic	48	Stringer, Omari	DL	6-4	226	R-Fr.	Crete, Ill. / Crete-Monee
3	Ramsey, Peyton	QB	6-2	208	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Elder	49	Gooch, Greg	DL	6-2	260	Jr.	Longwood, Fla. / Lyman
4	Jones, Ricky	WR	5-10	185	R-Sr.	Sarasota, Fla. / Booker	50	Brown, Joshua	DL	6-0	255	R-Fr.	Hillsborough, N.J. / Hillsborough
5	Gest, Cole	RB	5-8	196	Fr.	Lyndhurst, Ohio / St. Edward	51	Barwick, Jr., Mike	DL	6-0	295	R-So.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Summit Country Day
5	Harris II, J-Shun	WR	5-8	170	R-So.	Fishers, Ind. / Fishers	51	Nworah, Mackenzie	OL	6-4	320	Fr.	Houston, Texas / Manvel
6	Patrick, Camion	RB	6-2	225	R-Jr.	Knoxville, Tenn. / West	52	Love, DaVondre	OL	6-7	315	R-Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. / Affton
6	Walker, Zeke	DB	6-2	215	R-So.	Columbia, S.C. / Brookland-Cayce	54	Cronk, Coy	OL	6-5	293	Fr.	Lafayette, Ind. / Central Catholic
7	Bryant, Khalil	DB	5-10	200	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla. / First Coast	55	Bowen, Ja'merez	DL	6-4	305	R-So.	Cleveland, Ohio / Shaker Heights
7	Mack, Taysir	WR	6-2	187	Fr.	Brooklyn, N.Y. / Grand Street Campus	56	Stover, Grayson	OL	6-6	300	Fr.	Spring Hill, Fla. / Hudson
8	Scales, Tegray	LB	6-0	230	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Colerain	58	Dougherty, Patrick	DL	6-5	290	R-Jr.	Aurora, Ohio / Aurora
9	Crawford, Jonathan	DB	6-2	198	So.	Largo, Fla. / Largo	59	Trainor, Jack	OL	6-2	315	R-Fr.	Roswell, Ga. / The Marist School
9	Fiacable, Mike	QB	6-1	205	R-Fr.	Fort Wayne, Ind. / Bishop Dwenger	60	Robbins, Logan	LS	6-1	215	R-Fr.	Noblesville, Ind. / Noblesville
10	Hale, Donavan	WR	6-4	215	So.	Largo, Fla. / Largo	61	Ramacca, Nick	OL	6-2	287	R-Fr.	Bohemia, N.Y. / Connetquot
12	Diamont, Zander	QB	6-1	174	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif. / Venice	62	Knight, Brandon	OL	6-5	297	So.	Noblesville, Ind. / Noblesville
12	Thompson, Jayme	DB	6-2	195	R-Jr.	Toledo, Ohio / Iowa Western C.C.	65	Rogers, Wes	OL	6-4	305	R-Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Lawrence Central
13	James, Isaac	WR	5-11	194	R-Fr.	Carmel, Ind. / Carmel	67	Feehey, Dan	OL	6-4	305	R-Sr.	Orland Park, Ill. / Carl Sandburg
14	Brown Jr., Andre	DB	6-0	195	So.	Decatur, Ga. / Columbia	68	Littlejohn, Hunter	OL	6-3	300	R-Fr.	Powell, Ohio / Olentangy Liberty
15	Westbrook, Nick	WR	6-3	215	So.	Lake Mary, Fla. / Lake Mary	69	Everett, Gavin	DL	6-3	245	R-Fr.	Center Grove, Ind. / Center Grove
16	Fant, Rashard	DB	5-10	175	R-Jr.	Atlanta, Ga. / Our Lady of Mercy	70	Bailey, Jacob	OL	6-5	300	R-Sr.	Carmel, Ind. / Cathedral
16	King, Austin	QB	6-2	203	R-Fr.	Alpharetta, Ga. / Alpharetta	71	Baker, Delroy	OL	6-6	305	R-So.	Ocala, Fla. / Admiral Farragut
17	Berry, Justin	WR	6-0	195	Fr.	Charleston, S.C. / West Ashley	72	Stepaniak, Simon	OL	6-4	305	R-Fr.	Hamilton, Ohio / Ross
17	Covington, Chris	LB	6-2	237	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. / Al Raby	74	Hoff, Nate	DL	6-2	305	R-Jr.	Solon, Ohio / Naval Academy Prep
17	Griffith, Isaac	WR	6-0	185	R-Jr.	Fort Wayne, Ind. / Homestead	75	Serrano, Alex	OL	6-3	305	Fr.	Barrington, Ill. / Barrington
18	Bach, Ben	DB	6-1	197	R-Jr.	Wheaton, Ill. / Wheaton-Warrenville South	76	Martin, Wes	OL	6-3	310	R-So.	West Milton, Ohio / Milton-Union
18	Cameron, Danny	QB	6-1	210	R-So.	Baton Rouge, La. / Catholic	77	Camiel, Dimitric	OL	6-7	315	R-Sr.	Houston, Texas / Westfield
19	Fields, Tony	DB	5-11	203	Jr.	Tallahassee, Fla. / Amos P. Godby	80	Thomas, Ian	TE	6-5	248	Jr.	Baltimore, Md. / Digital Harbor
19	Morris, Jonah	WR	6-4	201	Fr.	Akron, Ohio / Archbishop Hoban	81	Fuchs, Jordan	TE	6-6	230	Jr.	Queens, N.Y. / Christ the King
20	Cook Jr., Jameel	DB	6-1	203	So.	Missouri City, Texas / Ridge Point	81	Thornton III, Leon	WR	6-1	198	So.	Lombard, Ill. / Montini Catholic
21	Lagow, Richard	QB	6-6	237	R-Jr.	Plano, Texas / Plano	82	Justus, Logan	K	5-11	178	R-Fr.	McCordsville, Ind. / Mt. Vernon
22	Green, Wesley	DB	5-10	185	R-So.	Lithonia, Ga. / Martin Luther King	82	Timian, Luke	WR	6-0	193	R-So.	Southlake, Texas / Southlake Carroll
23	Rodriguez, Alex	RB	5-10	225	R-So.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Lawrence Central	83	Dorris, Austin	TE	6-5	255	R-Fr.	Shadyside, Ohio / Shadyside
24	Majette, Mike	RB	5-11	207	So.	Woodbridge, Va. / Woodbridge Senior	84	Friend, Danny	TE	6-5	265	R-Jr.	Morris, Ill. / Morris Community
25	Padmore, Noel	DB	5-11	180	R-Jr.	Flowery Branch, Ga. / Flowery Branch	85	Watercutter, Ryan	TE	6-2	228	R-So.	Fort Wayne, Ind. / Bishop Dwenger
26	Walton, Kiante	DB	6-2	215	R-So.	Columbus, Ga. / George Washington Carver	86	Gedeon, Joseph	P	6-3	195	R-So.	Columbus, Ind. / Columbus North
27	Jones, Arthur	DB	5-10	195	R-Jr.	Washington D.C. / St. Albans	86	Hawkins, Marqui	WR	6-2	218	R-Jr.	Columbus, Ga. / George Washington Carver
28	Riggins, A'Shon	DB	6-0	185	Fr.	Hamilton, Ohio / Hamilton	87	Meinzer, Calob	K	6-2	209	R-Fr.	Wentzville, Mo. / Christian Brothers College
29	Fletcher, Dawson	LB	6-0	221	R-Sr.	West Chester, Ohio / Lakota West	87	Paige, Mitchell	WR	5-7	180	R-Sr.	Carmel, Ind. / Guerin Catholic
30	Dutra, Chase	DB	6-1	200	R-Jr.	Brownsburg, Ind. / Brownsburg	88	Bonner, Shaun	TE	6-3	245	Fr.	Moultrie, Ga. / Colquitt County
31	Halford, James	LS	6-1	223	R-Sr.	Antioch, Ill. / Carmel Catholic	88	Conrad, Drew	P	6-2	185	Fr.	Greenwood, Ind. / Center Grove
31	Natee, Tyler	RB	6-0	270	Fr.	Euless, Texas / Trinity	89	Benker, Phil	WR	6-2	203	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla. / Sandalwood
33	Brookins, Ricky	WR	5-8	188	R-So.	Terre Haute, Ind. / Terre Haute North	89	Shake, Jake	P	6-0	185	R-So.	Lafayette, Ind. / McCutcheon
34	Henderson, Thomas	DB	5-9	179	R-Fr.	Bloomington, Ind. / Bloomington South	90	Belden, Joe	DL	6-2	260	R-Fr.	Avon, Ind. / Avon
34	Redding, Devine	RB	5-10	208	Jr.	Youngstown, Ohio / Glenville	90	Del Grosso, Aaron	K	5-10	200	R-Jr.	Hobart, Ind. / Hobart
35	Sykes, Nile	DL	6-2	250	R-So.	Oak Park, Ill. / Montini Catholic	91	Robinson, Jacob	DL	6-4	285	So.	Westfield, Ind. / Westfield
36	Albomonte, Johnny	DB	5-11	184	R-Fr.	Schererville, Ind. / Andrean	92	Oakes, Griffin	K	5-10	205	R-Jr.	Greenwood, Ind. / Greenwood
38	Attar, Jake	DB	6-1	194	R-Fr.	Frankfort, Ill. / Lincoln-Way East	93	Green III, Ralph	DL	6-5	305	R-Sr.	San Antonio, Texas / Sam Houston
39	Arnold, Kenny	LB	5-11	235	R-So.	Canton, Mich. / Orchard Lake St.	93	Wuthrich, Codey	P	5-11	195	Jr.	Carlsbad, Calif. / Palomar
39	Gajcak, Chris	WR	6-2	190	R-Fr.	Lisle, Ill. / Naperville North	95	Wilson, Brandon	DL	6-3	261	R-Fr.	Winter Garden, Fla. / West Orange
40	Jones, Reakwon	LB	6-2	230	R-Fr.	Lynn Haven, Fla. / A. Crawford Mosley	96	Meminger, Derrian	DL	6-4	290	R-So.	Sparta, Ga. / Hancock Central
41	Newton, Clyde	RB	6-1	230	Sr.	Punta Gorda, Fla. / Charlotte	97	Godsil, Dan	LS	6-4	233	So.	Ottawa, Ohio / Ottawa-Glandorf
42	Ball, Marcelino	DB	6-0	210	Fr.	Roswell, Ga. / Roswell	98	Johnson, Jerome	DL	6-3	300	Fr.	Bassfield, Miss. / Bassfield
43	Willis, Jr., Dameon	LB	6-1	234	R-So.	Cleveland, Ohio / Saint Ignatius	99	Stallings IV, Allen	DL	6-2	226	Fr.	Maywood, Ill. / Oak Park and River Forest

# How Nebraska's Opponents Fared in Week Five

**Sept. 3**

**Fresno State (1-4)**

**UNLV 45, Fresno State 20**

UNLV quarterback Dalton Sneed performed well in his first career start. UNLV jumped out to a 21-7 lead at halftime before sealing the game. Dalton threw for a touchdown and rushed for a touchdown in the victory. Fresno State quarterback Chason Virgil threw for 296 yards, two touchdowns and one interception.

**Sept. 10**

**Wyoming (3-2)**

**Wyoming 38, Colorado State 17**

Colorado State jumped out to a 14-3 lead before the Cowboys went on a 35-3 run to end the game. Wyoming running back Brian Hill became the Cowboys all-time leading rusher in the second quarter. Hill finished with 166 rushing yards and a touchdown.

**Sept. 17**

**Oregon (2-3)**

**Washington State 51, Oregon 33**

The Cougars, who are known more for the pass game, ended up rushing for 280 yards and six touchdowns for the victory to send the Ducks for their third-straight loss. Washington State quarterback Luke Falk provided for the Cougars through the air too though. Falk finished with 392 passing yards and a touchdown.

**Sept. 24**

**Northwestern (2-3)**

**Northwestern 38, Iowa 31**

Both teams traded punches all day but Northwestern came up with the big play to pick up its first conference win. Cornerback Trae Williams picked off Iowa quarterback CJ Beathard at the Northwestern 36-yard line with 1:05 left in the game to seal the victory. Northwestern running back Justin Jackson finished with 171 yards on the ground and a touchdown.

**Oct. 15**

**Indiana (3-1)**

**Indiana 24, Michigan State 21**

Michigan State quarterback Tyler O'Connor tied the game with a two-yard touchdown pass to tight end Josiah Price with 11 seconds left in the fourth quarter to send the game to overtime. The Spartans' first possession of overtime ended with a 49-yard missed field goal. The Spartan defense stopped Indiana to force a 33-yard field goal. The Hoosiers missed the field goal but a running into the kicker penalty gave Indiana a first down, which led to a game-winning 20-yard field goal for the win.

**Oct. 22**

**Purdue (2-2)**

**Maryland 50, Purdue 7**

First-year head coach DJ Durkin notched his first Big Ten Conference victory as Maryland remains undefeated. The Terra-

pin defense sacked Purdue quarterback David Blough six times and amassed 400 rushing yards on the day. Running back Ty Johnson ran for 204 yards and two touchdowns. Maryland has scored 173 points in its first four games which is a school record.

**Oct. 29**

**Wisconsin (4-1)**

**Michigan 14, Wisconsin 7**

With the game tied at 7-7, Michigan quarterback Wilton Speight threw a tie-breaking 46-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Amara Darboh with 7:56 left in the game and then cornerback Jourdan Lewis intercepted Wisconsin quarterback Alex Hornibrook with just over two minutes left to seal the victory. Speight threw for 219 yards, a touchdown and an interception.

**Nov. 5**

**Ohio State (4-0)**

**Ohio State 58, Rutgers 0**

The Buckeye defense certainly held their ground. Rutgers punted on 10 of its 12 offensive possessions. The other two possessions ended the first half and was a turnover on downs. Quarterback JT Barrett broke the Ohio State all-time passing touchdown record with his third touchdown pass of the game in the third quarter. Barrett finished with 238 yards passing and four touchdowns.

**Nov. 12**

**Minnesota (3-1)**

**Penn State 29, Minnesota 23**

Minnesota kicked a go-ahead 37-yard field goal with 54 seconds left but Penn State drove and kicked a 40-yard field goal with two seconds left to force overtime. Penn State running back Saquon Barkley scored on a 25-yard run on the first offensive play of overtime to beat Minnesota. Both teams combined for seven field goals in the game. Barkley finished with 63 rushing yards.

**Nov. 19**

**Maryland (4-0)**

**Maryland 50, Purdue 7**

First-year head coach DJ Durkin notched his first Big Ten Conference victory as Maryland remains undefeated. The Terrapin defense sacked Purdue quarterback David Blough six times and amassed 400 rushing yards on the day. Running back Ty Johnson ran for 204 yards and two touchdowns. Maryland has scored 173 points in its first four games which is a school record.

**Nov. 25**

**Iowa (3-2)**

**Northwestern 38, Iowa 31**

Both teams traded punches all day but Northwestern came up with the big play to pick up its first conference win. Cornerback Trae Williams picked off Iowa quarterback CJ Beathard at the Northwestern 36-yard line with 1:05 left in the game to seal the victory. Northwestern running back Justin Jackson finished with 171 yards on the ground and a touchdown.

# This Week In Husker History

Oct. 7, 1993

Story by Kevin Houck • Huskers Illustrated Archives

This week we flashback to the early 90's and when the Big 12 conference had only eight members.

On Oct. 7, 1993, Nebraska Head Coach Tom Osborne earned his 200th career victory against Oklahoma State.

Osborne's milestone victory didn't come as easily as many assumed, rallying to win 27-13. The Huskers traveled to Stillwater as the seventh-ranked team in the nation. The Cowboys came into the game at 2-1, winning only four games in the past two seasons.

The Huskers took their first and only lead of the game after cornerback Barron Miles blocked a punt and recovered the ball in the endzone for a touchdown in the beginning of the fourth quarter.

Oklahoma State netted two field goals to take a 6-0 first quarter lead. The Cowboys' first field goal came after the Husker's fumbled inside the Cowboys' 25-yard line and the second was after forcing a Husker punt.

In the opening seconds of the second quarter the Huskers tallied their first points of the game. A 28-yard field goal by kicker Byron Bennett cut the deficit to three points.

Oklahoma State answer back with a 80-yard drive with 6:27 left in the first half. Running back Louis Adams scored on a one-yard rushing touchdown to put the Cowboys up by 10.

In the closing seconds of the first half, Bennett connected on another field goal for the Huskers. This time with a 26-yard field goal to give the Cowboys a 10-6 lead. Oklahoma State couldn't have asked for a better script to head into halftime with. The Cowboys dominated time of possession, recovered a fumble in their own red zone, didn't commit a single turnover and held Husker running back Calvin Jones to 26 yards rushing.

The Huskers answered the wake up call at halftime though.

Jones' 20 yard run on the Huskers second possession put the ball at the Cowboys 4-yard line and on the next play quarterback

Tommie Frazier capped off the seven-play, 56-yard drive scoring on a quarterback keeper to tie the game at 13-13 with 5:24 left in the third quarter.

Miles blocked punt and touchdown recovery came after linebacker Trev Alberts sacked the Cowboys quarterback at the 2-yard line on the first play of the fourth quarter. Miles earned Big

Eight Defensive Player of the Week honors for his eight tackles, one pass breakup and blocked punt performance.

Alberts finished the game with 11 tackles, a sack and a career-high nine quarterback hurries.

Oklahoma State lined up to punt on fourth and 8 at the Huskers 45-yard line but went for the fake and didn't convert.

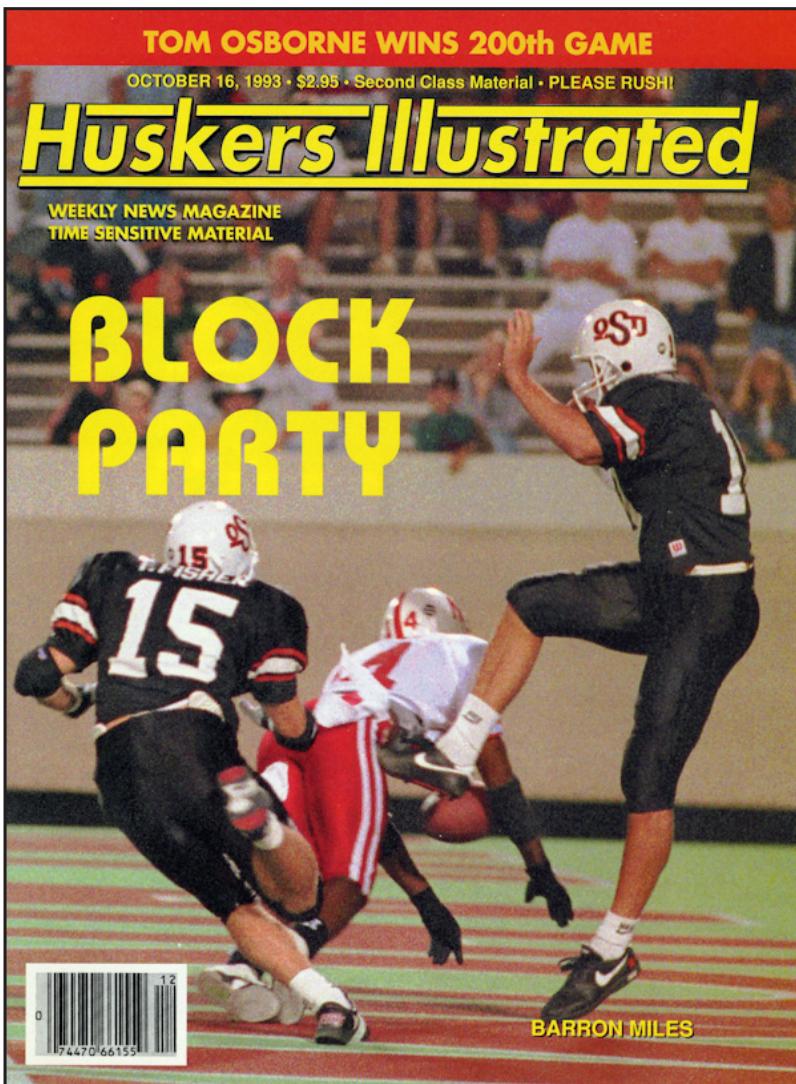
Three plays later, Jones 44-yard rushing touchdown sealed the Husker victory with 3:38 remaining in the game. Jones finished with 136 yards on 21 carries.

The Huskers out rushed the Cowboys 203-51 in the second half. Oklahoma State lead the conference in rush defense heading into the game. Frazier finished with 68 yards rushing and added 109 yards through the air.

Poor field position doomed the Cowboys in the second half. None of Oklahoma State's drives started past their own 20-yard line.

The Blackshirts held the Cowboys on each of its last nine possessions to force eight punts and a failed fake punt. The defense also only allowed Oklahoma State to 59 yards of total offense in the second half.

The victory marked the 20th straight win for the Huskers over the Cowboys and Osborne became only the 11th Division I coach to reach 200 victories. At the time, he was just the third active coach to reach the 200 plateau and fastest ever to reach the mark in just 249 games.





# A Stroll Down Rasmussen Road With **COURTNEY HUMM**

Daughter of Nebraska Football Player Dave Humm

Column by Butch Rasmussen • Courtesy Photo

Courtney Humm had never been to Nebraska and when she found out the Nebraska Cornhuskers were matched against the Oregon Ducks in a September football game in Lincoln she thought it would be great fun to meet an old friend from Oregon in Lincoln for the game.

Mike Jacobson who is a Husker benefactor and has a luxury skybox high up in Memorial Stadium offered to provide a couple seats for Ms. Humm and her guest in his skybox and the trip was set.

Courtney's interest in Nebraska football came about because her father Dave Humm, was an All-America quarterback for the Huskers from 1972-74.

He was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1988 and has been wheelchair bound for the past 19 years.

Courtney has grown up hearing about the Big Red experience but her dad has never been able to share it with her personally so this trip for Courtney was a big deal and there were times she stood in absolute awe of the experience and sometimes her emotions came to the fore as she absorbed her Big Red surroundings for the first time.

In so many cases she was seeing that lefty #12 again doing his thing as one of the best college quarterbacks of his day in all the land.

It all started on Friday with a personal tour of the massive Husker athletic complex arranged by Jacobson and escorted by Jack Pierce, a one-time Tom Osborne assistant coach. Here she would see that her father's prominent stature 42 years ago had not been forgotten.

Courtney's excitement began as her tour entered the restricted areas of the stadium and pictures and painted portraits of her dad began to appear in the hallways. He didn't have a mustache back then and she needed help to find his picture on the walls as a Husker team captain and a Husker All-American.

"Being in Nebraska for the whole experience was so special for me," she said.

"When we did the walk through on Friday with Jack Pierce, I imagined my dad walking out of the locker room, touching the lucky horseshoe, running out of the tunnel and onto the field. When I stepped onto the field my emotions got the best of me and I started to tear up. I was standing where my dad played, where he became All-American, where he set all of those records.



**COURTNEY HUMM TAKES A PICTURE WITH THE TOM OSBORNE AND BROOK BERRINGER STATUE DURING HER VISIT TO LINCOLN.**

"The feelings were overwhelming and I felt closer to him than ever. Then watching the game on Saturday I got to experience the passion he felt his whole career. My dad and uncle have told me stories about Nebraska games my entire life and to finally get to experience a little part of what they experienced is something I will cherish forever!"

Jacobson invited them to attend his ultimate tailgate party the next day prior to the game with 'the best food' and an open bar.

Then they enjoyed the game in Jacobson's suite on the 40-yard line. He had even reserved a seat with the name HUMM on it.

"I felt so special! He is one of the kindest men I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. I am beyond thankful for everything he did for me." Courtney said.

Then from Jacobson's suite watching the fireworks, everyone in the entire stadium standing and hearing everyone chanting Husker Power was an experience I had never had before! The game was sooo much fun watching in person. I even got to go to Coach Osborne's suite at halftime! Coach and Nancy have always been so kind to me. Getting to see Coach Osborne and Nancy was a highlight of my weekend. I can't thank them enough for their kindness."

Courtney was asked if she was treated like Dave Humm royalty:

"Now I know how royalty feels! It all started with my host Mike Jacobson, he made me feel so special allowing me to go to his tailgate, then up to his suite. Jack Pierce took me on the walk through on Friday and down to the field on Saturday.

"It has been more than 40 years since my dad walked off the field at Nebraska and I couldn't believe how many people still remember him fondly to this day! The love I felt just being my father's daughter was overwhelming! Everyone told me to send my dad their love! I was treated like I was him. I was even asked to take a picture with a fan just because I was my dad's daughter, that has never happened to me before and I loved it! I loved meeting everyone and everyone was beyond nice and I loved hearing all of the stories about my dad from back in the day. I got the ultimate Husker treatment!!"

Oh, and "Don't forget we won against a big time opponent – wow! It makes me tear up thinking back to my entire weekend, the feelings I felt and the kindness everyone showed! I wish I could make it to every game!"

# Jon Bostick was described by former NU head coach Tom Osborne as a ‘true receiver’



**Story By Shane G. Gilster**  
**Photos courtesy of NU Media Relations**

Jon Bostick honed his receiving skills at Bellevue Interlake High School, across Lake Washington from the UW campus in Seattle. He was named the state’s player of the year in 1987 by the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* after catching 39 passes for 814 yards and 16 TDs. He also was a dangerous kick returner, scoring four touchdowns.

Bostick could have stayed on the West Coast and gone to a school that threw the ball all over the field, but he instead looked to the Midwest and a team he grew up watching.

“My dad played football at Oklahoma, so I grew up around the Nebraska/Oklahoma rivalry. That was college football for me,” Bostick explained. “So I knew a lot about Nebraska. Oklahoma ran the wishbone and didn’t throw the ball very much, but Nebraska ran out of the I-formation so you had two receivers. In my senior year of high school, Nebraska had Steve Taylor at quarterback, and I remember him throwing five touchdown passes against UCLA, so they threw the ball.”

Bostick’s top five schools were USC, Oregon State, Washington, Washington State and Nebraska. It eventually came down to USC, Washington and Nebraska.

“Nebraska’s recruiting spiel was that I could go to Washington or Oregon State and catch a bunch of passes, or I could come there and catch three to four balls a game and get a punt and kickoff return,” he said.

Another influence in turning him toward Nebraska was a conversation he had with an All-Pac Ten receiver from Oregon State.

“He said that it was pretty cool I was considering Nebraska. This guy caught a lot of passes for Oregon State but never went to a bowl game during his four years there. He said he would give up all his passes to go to a bowl game. That kind of stuck with me,” Bostick said.



**Wide receiver Jon Bostick is pictured before his senior season in 1990.**

Reading Osborne’s book, “More than Winning” before his visit also played a factor in Bostick choosing Nebraska.

“After reading the book, I realized Coach Osborne shared the same values that I did. I wanted to compete on the Division I level, go to bowl games and get my degree. There was more to life than football,” Bostick said.

Bostick said he felt pressure to stay at home and go to Washington, but he was born in Kansas and moved a lot as a kid, so he didn’t grow up a Washington fan like a lot of his friends. So he committed to Nebraska, and the Huskers got a talented receiver for its offense.

But it took Bostick a season and almost half of another to see the field. Bostick didn’t redshirt in his freshman season at Nebraska. Instead, he did what most true freshmen did at that time: he played on the junior varsity team.

He was the starting split end and led the team in receptions with 10, for almost 300 yards and six touchdowns.

“Looking back, I think it was a waste of the year to play on the freshman team. I should have redshirted and played four years,” Bostick said. “I used up a year of eligibility playing on the freshman team. We played teams that were way undermanned...I think our first game of the year we won like 86 to 3...that doesn’t teach you anything.”

But Bostick expected to get that year back,

as he was slated for a redshirt year as a sophomore, but four games into the 1989 season, Osborne decided Bostick was too valuable in the passing game to keep him off the field. So he suited up, and in his first game, his first career catch was one to remember.

It came against Oregon State in the fourth quarter, and proved to be the score that helped the Huskers pull away from the Beavers. Bostick got behind the OSU defense and scored on a 60-yard TD pass from quarterback Gerry Gdowski.

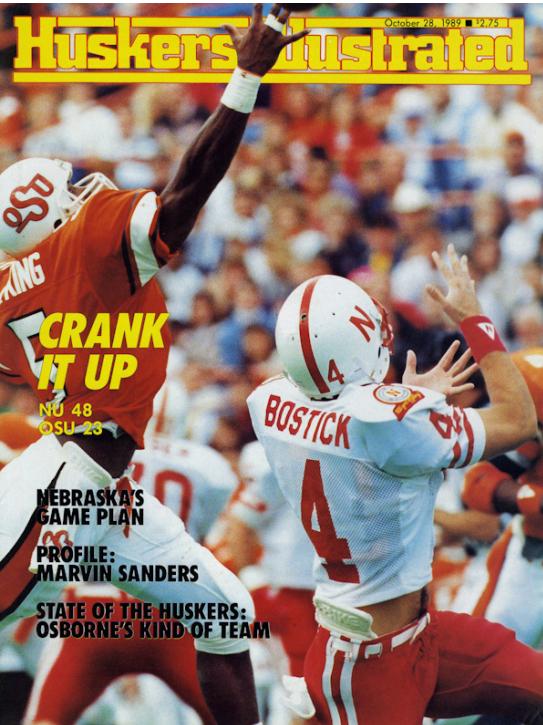
He followed that performance up with a three-catch, 77-yard and two-touchdown effort against Kansas State, then had career highs of five receptions for 99 yards and two touchdowns against Oklahoma State. Despite playing in only eight games that season, Bostick led the Big Red with six touchdown catches and was second in the Big Eight. His 24.1 yards-per-catch average ranked second all-time in NU history.

Even though he wasn’t the biggest at 6-2 and 185 pounds, or the fastest (he had 4.5 speed in the 40-yard dash), Bostick possessed the required qualities to make a successful receiver.

“You have to have timing,” Bostick said emphatically. “Nothing drives me crazier than when I see a receiver mis-time his jump or wait for the ball to get to them, which allows the defensive back to make the play. Also, athleticism



**Above: Bostick lays out for a pass catch attempt against Georgia Tech in the Citrus Bowl. Below: Bostick makes a catch against Oklahoma State during the 1989 season.**



is more important than straight-line speed. A lot of times you have guys that are really fast, but can't adjust to the ball and it just hits them in the hands. And lastly you have to compete and don't give up on a route."

Bostick had a lot more experience than a lot of the receivers on the Nebraska roster, because his high school offense threw the ball regularly and while at Nebraska, would use the off-season to improve.

"Over the summer I would get together with college or NFL guys and catch passes for them. I remember one summer I caught passes from Mark Wilson, who was the Oakland Raiders starting quarterback," Bostick said.

As a junior, Bostick led the team in both receptions (19) and yards (375) while also re-

turning punt and kickoffs. But it was a difficult season, as Nebraska lost three of its final four games, after an 8-0 start and rising to No. 3 in the national polls. One of the reasons for the slide that season was the unsettled situation at quarterback.

"The best quarterback I played with during my time at Nebraska was Gerry Gdowski in 1989. If we could have had him coming back in 1990 we could have done more, because we had a really good defense," Bostick said.

In his final season, Bostick was the team's second-leading receiver behind All-Conference tight end Johnny Mitchell, who had 31 catches for 534 yards.

"People always asked me who was the best athlete I ever saw or played with, and I would say Johnny Mitchell," Bostick said. "There was nothing the guy couldn't do. He was truly a freak when it came to athleticism."

During his senior year, Bostick caught 24 passes for 419 yards and five touchdowns, which ranked him seventh in the Big Eight in receiving yards per game (38.1). He garnered first-team All-Big Eight honors from the league's coaches, and had a 17-game pass-catching string, third-longest in school history.

One game he looked forward to playing during his senior season was against Washington, which was ranked No. 4 in the nation. Bostick had a 42-yard touchdown reception, but UW scored 20 unanswered points in the fourth quarter and pulled away for a 36-21 victory in Lincoln.

"I knew a lot of the guys on the Washington team and played in high school with a few of them. It was probably the toughest loss I had while playing at Nebraska. They had a great team all around," Bostick said. "I remember having a 21-9 lead, but they got a long run late to ice it. It was a game that could have gone either way. The two losses my senior year came to Washington and Miami, Fla. in the bowl game. Both were co-national champions that year."

Bostick said he would have liked to have played on a national championship team, and was a little envious of Washington winning one while he was playing for the Huskers.

"But I won a national title ring as a graduate assistant in 1997 at Nebraska, so that eased the thought of not going to Washington and winning one," he said.

For Bostick, his biggest regret was not winning a bowl game during his playing days at Nebraska.

"But the fact was in my junior and senior years, we played four teams that were the co-national champions, and the team we played my sophomore year finished No. 2, but everybody thought [they] should have been the national champion."

Colorado and Georgia Tech shared the national championship in Bostick's junior season and Florida State was one of the best teams in 1989. Since that 1991 game, Nebraska and Washington have played six times, with the Huskers winning four of them.

"There has been a long history between Nebraska and Washington. We played them first in the early '90s, and later that decade when I was a graduate assistant at Nebraska. Then just recently, playing them three times in two years," he said.

Bostick said the football history and tradition is comparable between the two schools, but the biggest thing he has seen is if Washington is having an off year and losing, then the stands start becoming empty.

"There is a lot of passion for the team out here for UW, but there is a lot of other stuff going on in Seattle, with the professional teams like the Seahawks and Mariners."

Bostick's professional career was short-lived. He was drafted in the seventh round of the 1992 NFL draft by the Denver Broncos.

"I was told by NFL reports that I was going to be a fifth- or sixth-rounder, so after that sixth round I was getting a little nervous, but back then there were 12 rounds," Bostick said. "I was pretty happy about where I was drafted, though. I was going to a good team who had a need for a receiver."

But he got injured in training camp and was offered an injury settlement.

"So I thought I would rehab and make a comeback the next year. I got picked up by Cleveland, but it wasn't for very long. San Francisco was interested, but then I never got invited to camp."

With his playing career over, Bostick took a job in the development office at the NU athletic department from 1992 to '97. Then, from 1997 to 2000, he was a graduate assistant with NU football team. Bostick remembers a funny story from that time period.

"Back on my recruiting trip, Coach Osborne told me that he needed to recruit receivers like me so they could throw the ball more. When I was a grad assistant, we were watching recruiting film of some receivers and they asked me what I thought about them. I said, 'Coach (Osborne), why don't you lie to them like you did me and tell them you throw the ball a lot.' Everybody started laughing, and Coach Osborne said, 'Jon, not everybody's dumb enough to believe it.'"

After his stint at NU, Bostick served as the defensive coordinator at Nebraska Wesleyan and then as the general manager of the Omaha Beef, all between the years of 2000 to 2005.

Today Bostick is happy to be living in his home state of Washington and close to his family. But he will always be a Husker.

# Diving for Dad

## NU's Filipcic uses his memory to motivate her

Story by Kevin Houck • Photo Courtesy NU Media Relations

Anna Filipcic found an escape in a new sport when tragedy struck before becoming an All-American at Nebraska.

**A** Filipcic was introduced to sports when she started gymnastics at 3-years old. As she grew older, she moved from recreational to competitive competitions, where her parents captured every moment.

"They were very involved," said Filipcic, who now is a senior diver for the Huskers. "They always liked to record everything. Actually over last winter break, I went through a whole bunch of home videos and they're from every single meet I've been in. We would go to these meets and they were the parents with the camcorder set up ready to go."

As normal for most divers, she transitioned from gymnastics to the pool as she got older.

But before Filipcic turned her talents to the diving board tragedy hit home. Her father passed away in 2008 leaving an emptiness inside of her.

"When I started diving it was very recently after my dad passed away," Filipcic said. "I had a hard time dealing with that in terms of expressing myself. I think starting this new sport I developed a different relationship than I had with gymnastics. Just because it was something I could fully use as an escape or distraction. So for that reason diving is very special to me."

Filipcic was recruited out of Omaha Burke High School, where she was an Junior All-American in 2011.

She was also part of the Nebraska Dive Club, which practices at the Devaney Sports Center. That is where she met Husker Head Diving Coach Natasha Chikina.

"I knew Anna for two years prior to recruiting her," Chikina said. "Her strength and power immediately grabbed my attention as a coach. Besides her talent, Anna stands out because of her great work ethic and incredible determination. Those qualities are rare and make her unique."

Her club team practicing in Lincoln played a big part in her decision to dive for the Huskers with the addition of working with Chikina during the summers.

"It was nice because I had known Natasha (Chikina) and worked with her a few times over the summer. It was a smoother transition than if I would have gone somewhere else. I would have had to get used to a completely different coach, coaching style and environment. It was very comfortable for me to merge right onto the team."

Filipcic bursted onto the scene her freshman season in 2013. She recorded 16 top-five finishes, including nine victories, and became the first Husker diver to qualify for the NCAA Championships since 2005.

"That was definitely a very special moment for me my freshman year," Filipcic said. "Throughout my freshman year, I struggled with consistency a lot but that meet is when I thought everything came together. It was really good to see all the hard-work pay off."



She finished 22nd in the one-meter and three-meter boards at the NCAA Championships.

Filipcic set career bests at the Big Ten Championships her sophomore year with times of 329.50 in the one-meter and 356.75 in the three-meter dive. Again, Filipcic qualified for the NCAA Championships, placing 21st in the one-meter and 20th in the three-meter.

Her junior year was a record setting year. During the season, she broke all of the Husker diving records in the one-meter and three-meter events and she is the first Husker diver who finished in the top three in the conference championships since 1991.

In her third-straight appearance at the NCAA Championships, Filipcic produced a 310.60 to take 10th in the one-meter dive and she added a 47th-place finish in the three-meter dive with 246.30 points, despite taking a zero after hitting the board on her second dive. She led the field after her opening dive of the three-meter competition.

Her top 10 finish in the one-meter dive earned her NCAA Honorable Mention All-American honors in 2015. Even though Filipcic's senior campaign has yet to begin, Chikina said she has already solidified her spot in Husker history.

"In three years, Anna has been very instrumental and plays a big part in the team success," Chikina said. "She has raised the bar high for the team as she has become one of the best divers in Nebraska's history."

The legacy Filipcic will leave at Nebraska is one she said she is very thankful for but admits it is weird to look back on all her success knowing her father never got to witness the beginning.

"I think he would be very proud of me but it's weird to think that he never got to see me dive," Filipcic said. "He knew nothing about me eventually diving. That's weird for me to think about but I think that if he were here, he would probably be doing the same thing with the camcorder at every event but there's moments I think about him during tough times with diving."

# Nebraska shuts out Indiana to improve to 9-4

Courtesy NU Media Relations • Photo by Mitch Otto

The Nebraska soccer team shut out Indiana 1-0 in its lone match of the weekend Friday night in front of 1,515 fans at Barbara Hibner Stadium.

The Huskers improved to 9-4-0 on the season and 3-2-0 in the Big Ten. Indiana fell to 5-7-1 and 2-3-0 in conference play.

Reigning Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week Jaycie Johnson headed in the lone goal off a corner kick delivered by senior Sydney Miramontez in the 53rd minute.

The header pushed Johnson to a team-leading nine goals on the season, while Miramontez picked up her team-leading sixth assist. Johnson scored her 40th career goal and is one goal shy of tying for seventh most in school history. The deciding goal was Johnson's 15th career game-winner, which bumps the senior to a tie for second most in NU history.

True freshman goalkeeper Aubrei Corder recorded three saves and earned her fifth career shutout. The Huskers outshot the Hoosiers 10-6 and edged Indiana



in shots on goal (5-4) and corner kicks (4-1).

Caroline Flynn had five shots for the Huskers. Caroline Buelt, Sinclair Miramontez, Sydney Miramontez and Alli Peterson started on the back line that helped record the Huskers' fifth shutout of the season.

Next up, the Huskers travel to Wisconsin for a Thursday night showdown at 7 p.m. on Oct. 6. NU also will play at Minnesota on Sunday, Oct. 9 at 1 p.m. Both matches will be televised live on the Big Ten Network.

## 2016 Women's Soccer Schedule

8-19 Marquette	W 2-1
8-22 @ BYU	W, 1-0
8-26 @ Oregon	L, 1-0
8-28 @ Oregon State	W, 2-1
9-2 Kansas	W, 1-0
9-4 Saint Louis	W, 2-1
9-9 Dayton	W, 3-1
9-11 @ Clemson	L, 5-2
9-16 Michigan State	W, 2-0
9-18 Michigan	L, 2-1
9-23 @ Ohio State	W, 3-0
9-25 @ Penn State	L, 2-1
9-30 Indiana	W, 1-0
10-6 @ Wisconsin	
10-9 @ Minnesota	
10-13 Illinois	
10-16 Northwestern	
10-22 @ Rutgers	
10-26 Iowa	
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# BACK ROW FORCE

## Annika Albrecht not only passes the ball, but is becoming an attack threat as well

Story by Bob Hamar • Portrait Photo by Mitch Otto, Action photos by Reggie Ryder

Annika Albrecht will probably never lead Nebraska in kills this season.

The 6-foot junior from North Aurora, Illinois, plays almost exclusively in the back row, but that doesn't mean she won't pick up some big kills this year.

Her back-row attack may be one of the keys to taking the Husker offense to the next level.

Earlier this season the back-row attack wasn't working so well for Albrecht and the Huskers.

"That's the fine line with Anni," Nebraska coach John Cook said. "She doesn't get like 50 swings a match. It's going to be a couple a game, so she really wants it so she's pressing. When the set isn't there and you're trying to do too much, that's when you're going to make errors."

"So we worked on if the set isn't there, just hit it to a corner. We worked on her just settling down a little bit."

It really started to come together the weekend of the Ameritas Players Challenge. Albrecht had seven kills in nine attacks with no errors in those three matches, including a 3-1 win over Creighton.

"Creighton would release their blockers on our hitters and leave the middle of the court wide open so Anni was getting free swings," Cook said. "It makes them think about doing that. When she's getting three or four kills a match...First of all they're letting her go and not respecting her. The second thing is she's making them pay."

"It's kind of devastating. You do all this and all of a sudden here comes Anni out of the back row getting a kill."

Albrecht gives setter Kelly Hunter credit for the success of her attacks from the back row.

"Honestly, it's a lot of Kelly," Albrecht said. "She does a really good job setting the ball right where I need it."

The Huskers' .333 hitting percentage was second in the nation after the first weekend of Big Ten Conference play. Albrecht attacking from the back row could make that offense even more effective, although playing in the tough Big Ten will make it tough for Nebraska to improve its hitting efficiency the rest of the season.

It was .349 heading into conference play, and that could be the high point of the year.

But a back-row threat definitely adds to the offense.

"It just adds another attacker," Albrecht said. "It makes the middle on the other team think about one more thing."

Cook said the same factors that make an attacker effective from the front row applies to those in the back row.

"You have to see and move the ball," he said. "You have to see where they (the blocks) are. The difference in the back row is sometimes you broad jump a little bit more because sometimes the set is a little inside the 10-foot line. But Anni is really good at it. That's why we set her."

Albrecht's back-row defense and serving have also been key for the Huskers' play early in the season.

"We've been really focused on serve and pass this season so far," Albrecht said. "With everyone passing so well, I think it's made all of us improve with our defense, and even our hitters are hitting so well and making great shots. It's forcing the back-row players to play at a higher level."

And the Husker serve has set up the defense which was holding opponents to .139 through the first 11 matches.

"Our team is serving amazingly right now," Albrecht said. "In practice, it's so hard to pass because everyone is serving so well. On the bright side, I think our whole team will be a really strong serving team, and we've already showed that."

**"You have to see and move the ball. You have to see where they (the blocks) are. The difference in the back row is sometimes you broad jump a little bit more because sometimes the set is a little inside the 10-foot line. But Anni is really good at it. That's why we set her."**

Nebraska volleyball coach John Cook



Annika Albrecht has been called upon to be a hitter out of the back row as well as doing her normal roles of passing and serving.



## 2016 Schedule

VERT Challenge at Eugene, Oregon

Aug. 26	Florida	W, 3-1
Aug. 27	Texas	W, 3-0

Nebraska Invite at Lincoln, Nebraska

Sept. 2	Iowa State	W, 3-0
Sept. 3	Oregon State	W, 3-0

Lobo Classic at Albuquerque, N.M.

Sept. 8	Montreal (Exh.)	W, 3-0
Sept. 9	Arkansas	W, 3-0
Sept. 10	New Mexico	W, 3-0

Ameritas Challenge at Devaney Center

Sept. 16	Montana State	W, 3-0
Sept. 16	Gonzaga	W, 3-0
Sept. 17	Creighton	W, 3-1

Sept. 23	at Michigan	W, 3-0
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Sept. 24	at Mich. State	W, 3-2
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Sept. 28	at Illinois	W, 3-0
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Oct. 1	Ohio State	L, 3-1
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Oct. 7	Indiana	7 p.m.
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Oct. 9	Purdue	2 p.m.
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Oct. 14	at Ohio State	5 p.m.
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Oct. 16	at Maryland	Noon
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Oct. 21	Wisconsin	8 p.m.
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Oct. 23	Minnesota	1 p.m.
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Oct. 28	Illinois	6 p.m.
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Oct. 29	Northwestern	7 p.m.
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Nov. 4	at Penn State	7 p.m.
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Nov. 5	at Rutgers	6 p.m.
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Nov. 9	Iowa	6 p.m.
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Nov. 12	at Indiana	6 p.m.
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Nov. 16	Penn State	7 p.m.
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Nov. 19	at Iowa	6:30 p.m.
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Nov. 23	at Minnesota	8 p.m.
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Nov. 26	Michigan	7 p.m.
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Dec. 1-3	NCAA 1st, 2nd Rds	TBD
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Dec. 9-10	NCAA Regionals	- TBD
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Dec. 15	NCAA Semis	at Columbus,
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Dec. 17	NCAA Finals	at Columbus
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# DREAMING BIGGER

# NEBRASKA VOLLEYBALL NOTEBOOK

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## HUSKERS SURVIVE FRIDAY-SATURDAY FORMAT

The Huskers opened the Big Ten season with what coach John Cook called one of the toughest assignments in the Big Ten. That was playing back-to-back road matches at Michigan and Michigan State.

The Huskers survived, but just barely, with a 3-2 win over Michigan State that went 16-14 in the fifth set.

"They were tough matches, which we were expecting in Michigan," Cook said. "It's a tough road trip, one of the most challenging in the Big Ten, especially when both teams are having football games with logistics and hotels and everything."

"But the team did a nice job, found a way to get two wins, and it's not any easier this week. It's another Big Ten week playing two more ranked teams. I'm hoping this brings out the best in us."

Senior middle blocker Amber Rolfzen said she much likes the split week game schedule better.

"I prefer Wednesday-Saturday," Rolfzen said. "I'm sure coach doesn't. I just like playing, having a little break, and playing again. It gets kind of exhausting playing Friday and Saturday on the road. I would prefer Wednesday-Saturday all year."

The Huskers have two more Friday-Saturday matchups this season.

They host Illinois and Northwestern on Oct. 28-29, then are on the road for Penn State and Rutgers Nov. 4-5.

"If we're traveling I prefer Wednesday-Saturday, because playing back to back is really tough," Cook said. "But when we get to the tournament we have to play back to back, so it's good to play some back to back and some Wednesday-Saturday."

"But that's a tough road trip to play Michigan-Michigan State back to back. It's one of the tougher swings in the Big Ten."

## HUNTER LEADS THE HUSKERS

Rolfzen said setter Kelly Hunter is the undisputed leader for the Huskers. When they were down against Michigan State, it was Hunter who picked them up.

"At intermission Kelly did 95 percent of the talking when the coaches weren't in there," Rolfzen said. "During the fifth set when we were down 12-10 at a time out, Kelly goes, 'Everyone just think there and believe, think to yourself that we're going to win it.'"

Rolfzen said Hunter has become more and more of a vocal leader through the years.

"She knows we all look to her when things get tough," Hunter said.

## RED-HOT ARENA

It was hot at Cliff Keen Arena for Michigan match, and not in a good way. Cook said it was uncomfortable for everyone – the fans, the coaches and the players.

"It was like a sauna in there," Cook said. "The fans were miserable. We were miserable, but it was hotter where they were sitting because we had fans on the benches."

Cook said volleyball deserves better than that.

"It's disappointing," Cook said. "In my opinion, you want to build a fan base and build volleyball, you don't put them in that situation."

## ALREADY SENIORS

It doesn't seem that long ago that Amber and Kadie Rolfzen along with Justine Wong-Orantes joined the Husker program. They will all be remembered as part of the 2016 national championship team regardless of what happens this season.

Wong-Orantes said her career has gone by in a hurry.

"That makes for tons of emotion flying through my head," Wong-Orantes said. "Sadness, happiness, excited. I've talked to Kadie and Amber. This is our last year and we want to make every single day count."

"I think our mindset going in is just making it count and leaving no regrets."



Senior Amber Rolfzen makes an attack for the Huskers against Ohio State.

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